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New withdrawal petition submitted in Andover

Members of the Andover "Save Our School" group submitted 145 signatures to the Andover Board of Selectmen Tuesday to re-launch their campaign for withdrawal from SAD 44, according to a press release from organizers.

After garnering 64.5 percent of the vote on a Jan. 7 referendum, less than 10 votes shy of the two-thirds majority required for withdrawal, "Save Our School" supporters quickly gathered the required signatures to petition local officials to bring the issue back before voters, according to the release.

The preparation for the withdrawal vote began in-

formally three years ago, after the SAD 44 School Board voted initially to close the Andover Elementary School.

"It's clear that the residents who want to withdraw from SAD 44 are in the vast majority," Andover homeowner and campaign volunteer Jarrod Dumas was quoted as saying in the release. "If two-thirds of the voters had voted to stay in the district, we would not be launching this campaign. But, those of us who voted to withdraw from SAD 44 believe very strongly that, in a democratic system, when

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Newry selectmen split 2-1 on re-appointing town administrator

By AMY CHAPMAN

After considerable debate, Newry selectmen last week voted 2-1 to sign paperwork renewing the appointment of Loretta Powers as Town Administrator for a period of three years.

In discussion prior to the vote, Selectman Brooks Morton said he did not feel comfortable signing the appointment papers, which were due to expire in June, at this time, because issues he had raised last spring had never been fully addressed.

The Town Administra-

tor position was created in 1994 by a town meeting vote, which combined the formerly elected positions of town clerk, tax collector, and treasurer into an appointed position, to be filled by one person designated by the selectmen.

Morton said he had concerns about "incompatibility issues between the offices."

Powers and Selectman Wendy Hanscom both said they felt the issue had been addressed previously, and that Maine law permits the

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\$400,000 proposal for Newry road fix

By AMY CHAPMAN

At last week's meeting, Newry selectmen considered a timeline for engineering work and repairs to a 1,200-foot section of the Sunday River Road in the vicinity of Nordic Knoll Road and the Letter S swimming hole. They plan to propose up to \$400,000 for the work, to be voted upon at Town Meeting in March. Code Enforcement Officer David Bonney said he had incorporated suggestions from the town's at-

torney and the Maine Dept. of Transportation Local Roads Center into the bid package for the engineering portion of the project. Requests for proposals will be mailed to a list of identified firms, and an ad will be placed in local newspapers this week.

Bids for the engineering study will be due by February 18, with the work to be awarded pending approval of the expenditure at town meeting.

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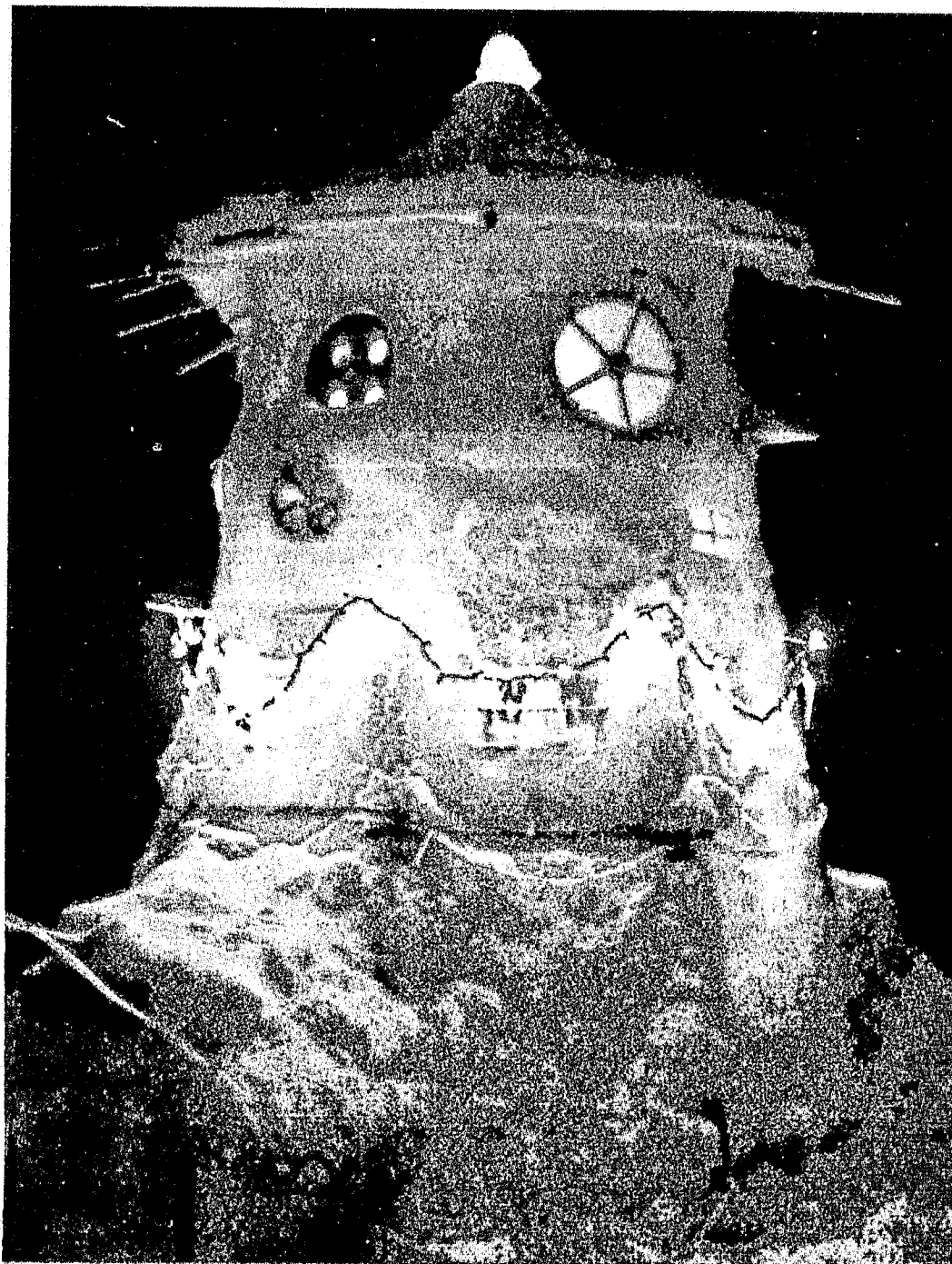
Greenwood mill taxes paid

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks told selectmen Tuesday that Saunders Mill taxes for 2011 and 2012, totaling about \$12,000, were paid last Friday. At their Jan. 7 meeting she had reported foreclosure notices had been sent in connection with the 2011 tax bill. In addition to the mill taxes, said Sparks,

owner Louise Jonaitis paid a 2011 tax bill for \$12.82 on a separate one-acre parcel, historically a mill dump, that had been deemed contaminated. Selectmen had recently waived foreclosure on it to avoid having the town become automatic owners of the land. Sparks also said Jonaitis had told her she plans to reopen the currently-closed mill in the spring.

From junk, light and art



This is the fourth year that Ross and Christine Swain of East Andover have crafted a snow sculpture that, in Ross' words, "starts with an assortment of scrap metal and other odds and ends." This year, he said, "for some reason the initial assortment suggested lighthouse." As construction got underway he did not let on what he was building, and his friends tried to figure it out. Some early guesses were train, knight who says ni, Bigfoot, turkey, snow knight, Trojan horse, jousting knight, dancing unicorn, tinman, tin soldier, cat in the hat, satellite dish, telescope, still, tractor beam, snow gun and nutcracker. Sculptures in earlier years were a snow bear, a unicorn hobby horse and a swan.

Ross Swain

Local lakes and ponds

More to worry about, more to do

By ALISON ALOISIO

People interested in the welfare of local lakes who take time to inform themselves will find both more issues of concern and more opportunities to help out.

Jim Chandler of Woodstock and the Community Lakes Association presented information on the effects of climate change and human activity on lakes at last week's Mahosuc Land Trust's "The Changing Na-

ture of Lakes and Ponds."

He outlined some generally familiar trends and concerns, including the flow of nutrients into lakes from erosion, earlier ice out dates in recent decades and the presence of invasive milfoil plants in some area lakes.

He also described how some of those developments interact with, or may be caused by, climate change.

Ice out dates may be the most apparent tie to cli-

mate change. Chandler showed U.S. Geological Survey graphs from 29 lakes in New England (22 in Maine) showing ice-out dates have become significantly earlier since the mid-1800s. They changed on average by nine days between 1850 and 2000 in the northern and mountains areas of western Maine, and by 16 days in more southerly locations.

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Bethel Food Pantry to change format

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Bethel Area Food Pantry will soon make food more easily available to those in need, according to organizers.

Starting in February, families can obtain food from the Food Pantry without an appointment. The pantry will be open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 8 p.m.

Anyone who needs food should come during those hours. People will receive a pre-packed box of sta-

ples, a bag of frozen meat and poultry along with fresh produce and fruit. This change will make food more accessible to more families in need.

"Currently families need to call me, set up an appointment, and then show up at a specific time. Once we transition, everyone will come on the same day," organizer Dave Bean said last week.

The reorganization goes into effect Feb. 10. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Naza-

rene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance on Park Street.

Volunteers

Additional volunteers and volunteer groups are needed to help with the new system.

Volunteers can help pack boxes of staples throughout the month. On the day the Food Pantry is open, volunteers can sign up families and put out the food boxes.

"Building out boxes can mean that school groups or

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Sheriff's stats show more drug activity in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Sheriff Wayne Gallant presented law incident numbers in Bethel for 2013 to selectmen last week, and told them that an increase in "drug information" is the result of both more drugs and more detective work.

His figures showed that in 2009, there were five incidents that resulted in the gathering of drug-related information, but in 2013, there were 22 incidents.

"The reason you see more drug work is because when you've got more professional officers out there working, they know how to start dealing with drugs and deal with arrestees, asking the right questions, getting the right intel, and passing it on to the detective," he said. "That's why you see an increase in drug information."

Gallant also said the Oxford County Sheriff's Department recently hired

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...But overall calls decline

By MATTHEW DAIGLE
Sun Media Wire

In other portions of his report to selectmen last week, Sheriff Wayne Gallant said that the number of calls in town decreased the first three years his department took over law enforcement duties.

He provided reports to each selectman showing the number of calls his department answered each hour from 2009 to 2013, so they could "have a better idea of when things are happening and what goes on throughout the day," he said.

"In 2009, when you guys still had your own police department, there were 1,577 calls," Gallant said. "In 2010, when we came in halfway through the year, there were about 1,500 calls. In 2011, it dropped down to 1,302. In 2012, it was 1,146. In 2013, we had 1,234 calls."

"As you can see," Gallant continued, "it's sort of decreased over time. I think the biggest reason for that is more visibility. We don't just have one deputy in town. There are a lot of deputies and troopers throughout the town. It's a proven fact that good visibility is a deterrent to crime."

The highest number of
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Letters

NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION
TO LEGISLATURE

To the Editor:

The purpose of this letter is to announce my decision not to seek re-election to the Maine House of Representatives this November. I write this with a mix of sadness and excitement. Serving this district for the past six years has been an unforgettable journey, filled with both challenges and successes locally and statewide. The experience has been incredibly rewarding and I would be remiss if I did not thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to have served in this capacity. It has been an honor to act as your voice in Augusta and to have taken part in a myriad of significant endeavors affecting our daily lives. I can only hope I represented your interests well and with fairness. My reason for stepping aside at this time is motivated largely by the desire to spend more time with my young and growing family, coupled with the need to focus these next few years on my law practice. I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and very kind words since the news of my decision first came to light.

In answer to the question of holding public office down the road, none of us know what the future holds. Fortunately, while my wife and I were contemplating whether to seek re-election or attempt to run for either the State Senate or the open congressional seat, a great candidate approached me with interest in running for Representative of this district. Fran Head, owner of Main Street Realty and a leader in numerous civic organizations, understands the issues facing the towns of this district as well as the challenges facing individual Mainers. I believe she will be a great candidate for this office as she exudes a willingness to listen to those of similar and opposing views, bearing in mind the best interests of all people. My parting advice to anyone seeking public office is this: Remember who you represent and don't forget where you came from.

I look forward to completing these next four months of the legislative session and, as always, welcome you to contact me anytime with your legislative concerns.

Jarrod S. Crockett
Representative, District 91

NOT A MAJORITY

To the Editor:

I would have written sooner but it is only today that I was given a copy of your newspaper and I cannot let such an erroneous statement in regards to the withdrawal of the town of Andover from SAD 44 go unchallenged. A vote of 238 does not represent a majority of Andover residents. Even if you add together the 'yes' and the 'no' votes you still would not have a majority vote. The population, people whose primary residence is in Andover according to the Town Office is 821.

The reason a two-thirds majority is required on such an important and expensive issue is to prevent a vocal and moneyed group from pushing through agenda of their own choosing which is in total disregard for the cost is what almost happened in Andover.

Deirdre Cavanagh
Andover

(Editor's note: The article in the Jan. 9 Citizen should have stated the context of the voting numbers more clearly. It should have said a majority of residents 'voting'.)

SHARE FAVORITE CHILDREN'S STORY

To the Editor:

West Parish Congregational United Church of Christ is hosting a series of monthly potluck suppers as part of its outreach of strengthening families and community. The first supper is to be held on Friday, Jan. 31, 2014, at 6 p.m. in the downstairs dining room, which is wheelchair accessible. The whole Bethel area community is invited, whether you have a family to bring, or just yourself. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share for this first supper.

For the program, bring your favorite children's book. We will take turns where adults and children will share excerpts and pictures from their book. We look forward to sharing good food, good books, and a great time!

If you have any questions you can call either Jim Chandler at 357-3523, or Deb Lewis, at 836-2901.

Jim Chandler and Deb Lewis

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PETITION

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64 percent of the people support something, they deserve another chance to realize their vision."

Maine law allows supporters of RSU withdrawal to restart the process immediately if they get at least 60 percent of the vote on a final withdrawal ballot. With the signatures submitted, selectmen are expected to select a date for a town vote to decide if Andover's residents favor restarting withdrawal negotiations with SAD 44.

Eighty-five percent of Andover voters favored starting the process when Andover residents first attempted to withdraw from the district nearly two years ago, the release said. If it begins again, negotiations with SAD 44 are expected to be much quicker and far less costly, since a DOE-approved agreement already exists, according to the release. A new town committee would be appointed to oversee the steps leading up to another withdrawal vote.

"We do not intend to change any terms," Dumas said. "We plan to get the votes to restart the process, and we hope that SAD 44 will quickly approve the terms of an agreement that they already accepted last fall. This isn't about changing the plan; this is about having another vote."

Group spokesman Leon Akers said Tuesday that if the process is approved and goes smoothly, his group would hope to have a final vote on withdrawal in the fall.

The press release said supporters expect greater community involvement in their second attempt at withdrawal. "More than 30 residents have volunteered to work on contacting voters and other 'get-out-the-vote' efforts," it said.

"We have been in close contact with the original Withdrawal Committee," Dumas said. "The group hopes to learn from their work and build on their efforts."

As for the current plan by SAD 44 for a committee of directors and Andover residents to study better-defined guidelines for keeping the Andover Elementary School open with the town remaining in the district, Akers said the Andover group would keep an eye on that process with an open mind, but would continue with the withdrawal plan if voters approve doing so.

SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy said Tuesday that the committee process is going forward, and the full School Board will get a report and discuss possible next steps at its Jan. 27 meeting.

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combining of the offices into one position.

"It hasn't had the proper discussion to hear my concerns," Morton countered. "It's never been addressed. It was taken personally, and kept on that level. We've never talked about it on a professional level, looking at the different things and how they could be incompatible."

He said that over the years, additional duties had been added to the position. "It has been restructured, little by little. In any form of government, if you have one person that's calling 90 percent of the shots, you're setting yourself up for tyranny."

Hanscom said she thought the job description and Powers' reappointment were two separate issues.

Selectman Gary Wight agreed, saying he had no problem signing the renewal, but added, "I guess at our next meeting, we're going to have a discussion, and that will give everybody a chance to have their say."

Morton, however, then suggested waiting to have that discussion. "We don't have to have it next week. We don't have to have it until after Town Meeting," he said.

Powers said she would get job descriptions for the three positions from the Maine Municipal Association for the selectmen to review.

CALLS

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calls, according to Gallant's report, were alarm calls.

There were 127 alarm calls received in 2013, he said, and nearly all of them were false. In addition to the incident reports, Gallant said a recent arbitration award at the Oxford County Sheriff's Office establishes a separate coverage zone that deputies can bid on to cover shifts. Gallant said it will benefit the town.

The arbitration award, which labor relations consultant Annalee Rosenblatt said was the culmination of several rounds of grievances concerning the way deputies schedule patrol shifts, adds a subzone centered around Bethel that patrol deputies can bid on to schedule shifts.

Deputies, including corporals and sergeants, write their name next to their chosen shift. If more than one deputy chooses the same shift, the individual with the most seniority or who lives closest to the zone will be the successful bidder.

"This arbitration award will improve the coverage you're going to get," Gallant said. "You'll have a lot more bodies here to cover the area. We've rearranged our whole schedule."

Celladore

'Louis is coming'

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "have you had any thoughts about paper for the study walls? You don't want me to be tied up for lack of materials." This is the moment I had been dreading.

I began hesitatingly, "I did buy some paper but am sure it is all wrong to put on an old house with crooked walls...I should have bought plain paper..."

"Don't fire chief," said Louis. (Had he read Ionescu or had he picked up this expression from B.B.?) "Go and get it and let me see it."

So I brought out my scraps of cream gold embossed paper and fearfully unrolled it. Louis's face was transformed with elation. "Now this is what I call wallpaper! I haven't had anything like this to put on since I came to this town. Has B.B. a gold mine hidden somewhere?" I explained and encouraged by his attitude, told him I thought maybe there might be enough to put on the bathroom. "On the bathroom?" shouted Louis. "Are you crazy? Now I've heard everything. Put paper like this on the bathroom!"

"There isn't very much and with a pattern to be matched I didn't think there would be enough of it for any other place."

Louis snatched up the odd lots and cast his eyes about. "This should be in a dining room but there is too much sun in yours and anyway there is not enough of it. But if you like I could put it on the study; it would be nice in this north room." "You could?" said I, in amazement.

"Nothing to it," says Louis. "You don't need to paper the back of all these bookshelves. I can fix the walls with a compound that can be painted the same color as the woodwork. It will be easy to clean and look better anyway." Then a worried look came over his face. "What color do you plan to paint the woodwork?"

"I hadn't planned. I suppose it would be impossible to match the color of the paper."

"Nothing to it. I can do it and use it on the ceiling also and that will be it."

"Oh, Melly," called Louis, "come up here and tell me what you are planning to do with these bathroom walls." "I hadn't planned, maybe just paint them for the present." "Fine," says Louis. "Paper is a mess in a bathroom; too much steam, always has to be done over, a silly whim of women. If you paper these walls now you'd never be able to paint them later. You can't steam paper off this wallboard without making great gouges in it. Now if you like, I can put on a compound now so that later you can paper or paint as you choose."

"Fine," I agreed, wondering if Louis might be a mind-reader. The room had been once a child's bedroom. It had a long north casement window and sloping dormer walls; two doors and old-fashioned fixtures. It would never be a modern room and someday a dramatic paper might be put there.

"What color paint?" says Louis. I had learned that Louis was an artist as well as a master craftsman so boldly said, "The old 1299 for the walls, strawberry rose for the woodwork and dado boards and a dark green floor. Louis exploded. "Whoever heard of a paint color called strawberry rose, and aren't you going to have inlaid linoleum?"

"You could mix the paint, and No, I am not going to have inlaid linoleum. It is too expensive for this old house and anyway I like wood floors. They are easy on the feet and soft to the eye." "Well, that's it," said Louis.

"Oh, Melly," called Louis, wasn't there some furniture that went in this bathroom?" There was; a chair, a wicker clothes hamper, and a chest of drawers to store towels. Louis sent Keith to help me drag them down from the barn attic and instructed me to scrub them clean so they could be painted the same color as the dado board.

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "the study ceiling is finished. No more sanding, so if you will just scrub up this room we can start papering and painting." So I scrubbed. It took five pails of hot soapsuds.

"Look," I grabbed B.B. the minute he entered the house, "come and see our one clean room. I know it won't stay that way but for a brief moment it is a joy," B.B. looked, admired, then went to his shop, hooked up the generator, brought in a great barrel vacuum that he used to clean the furnace, went over all the house downstairs, even the path into the now unused cave: It cheered me.

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "what about the dining room? Have you more paper hidden away?" I brought it out. By now I knew that the stripe would not bother Louis. Again he enthused over the quality, said he would mix paint for the woodwork to match. We were beginning to make progress.

Our
Back
Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Telstar High School was open for indoor walking from 6 to 7 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m.

A morning fire destroyed a trailer on the Annis Road owned by Ruel Swain. The tenant, Jeremy Irons, was not at home when the fire broke out.

Deaths: Daniel J. Geraghty, Eva M. Perry, Ernest E. Westleigh.

20 years ago: No one was seriously injured when two tractor-trailer trucks, one loaded with logs and one empty, collided on Route 2 in Gilead.

Snow and cold weather continued in the area with temperatures dipping to 40 below zero.

Births: Rickie Dean Osgood, Jr.

Deaths: Richard P. Hutchinson, Raymond C. Foster, Jr., Richard T. Maguire, Thelma Merrill, Donald R. Tyler, Theodore A. Young.

30 years ago: Esther Crockett was the new cook at the West Bethel Children's Center.

A TV camera crew was at Sunday River Inn and the Artist Bridge filming a commercial for Oakhurst Dairy.

State Game Warden Eric Wight spoke at the regular meeting of the Mount Abram Fish & Game.

40 years ago: The 25 members of the local Girl Scout troop sold a total of 14,026 boxes of Girl Scout cookies during their annual sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Brown were guests of honor at a 25th wedding anniversary party at the home of Mrs. Marie Brown, Eden Lane.

Births: Benjamin Glen McIntyre, Douglas Howard Marston.

Deaths: Laurence Sidelinger, Herman A. Bennett.

50 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Eames purchased the former Burbank house on Chapman Street from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clemons.

Alton Howe of Bethel was appointed an Oxford County deputy sheriff.

Deaths: Mrs. Virginia Merrill, Mrs. Grace W. Doyen, Mrs. Mary Ida Vail.

60 years ago: The Greenleaf Funeral Home had purchased a new ambulance which was equipped with a Scott Demand Inhalator.

Philip H. Chadbourne of Bethel was among those named to the board of directors of the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.

Births: Audrey Sue Jordan.

Deaths: Freeman Chaplin, Mrs. Maude Irvin, Parker J. Connor.

70 years ago: Alfred J. Fortier, science teacher for two years at Gould Academy completed his work here and went to teach at Bangor High School.

Pleasant Valley Grange conferred the first and second degrees on 24 candidates.

Deaths: Mrs. Ethel Richardson Hastings, Stora Wright.

80 years ago: Paul C. Thurston was elected president of the Rumford Falls Trust Company.

Bryant Pond PTA examined plans and discussed estimated cost of a new gymnasium and auditorium on the school grounds.

Deaths: Thomas Flint, Adams Griffin.

90 years ago: A. F. Chapman's home in Mayville was destroyed by fire. Household furnishings were saved.

George Richards and Robert Blake of Portland were doing the steamfitting at the Bingham house.

Deaths: Thomas Poole, Luther Merrill Hewey.

100 years ago: The Ladies Club of the Universalist Church sponsored a masquerade ball. Pettin-gill's Orchestra of Lewiston furnished the music.

Fred B. Hall was driving the Lake Stage for C.H. Davis.

Deaths: E.A. Wynn, Warren Peabody, Mrs. M. Lil-lelle Chapman.

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LAKES

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Nutrients and warming
Nutrients carried into a lake can cause more plant growth, and as those plants die, the plants are decomposed by bacteria and fungi that uses up the oxygen in the water. That can be unhealthy, particularly for fish such as trout or salmon, which prefer the higher-oxygen cold water. A potentially warming climate can add to the effect because warmer water holds less oxygen than cold water.

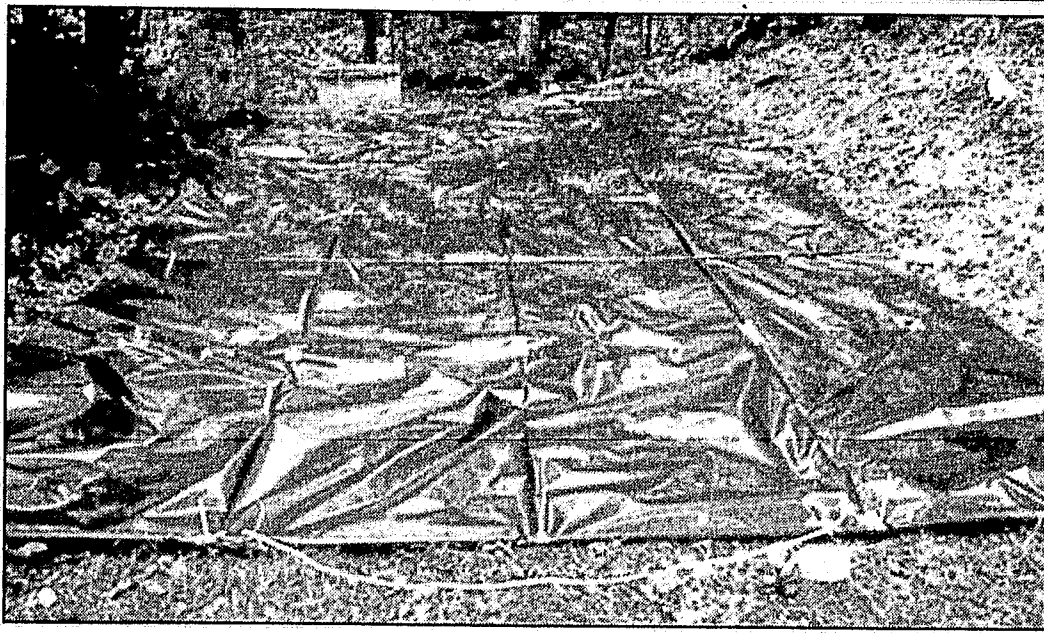
Chandler cited data collected over recent decades for the amount of dissolved oxygen in area ponds. The data from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Lake and Watershed Resource Management Associates (LWRMA) and the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program through 2006 shows less oxygen near the bottom of some of the lakes during the summer.

Among specific lakes: North Pond in Woodstock shows low to moderate dissolved oxygen depletion in deep areas of the lake; South and Round ponds in Greenwood show high depletion, although in recent years this has improved greatly; Bryant Pond (Lake Christopher) in Woodstock shows moderate to high depletion; and Songo Pond in Albany shows moderate depletion.

Chandler said the Community Lakes Association has participated in the lakes monitoring program and the oxygen depletion measurements have not changed much over the recent years. The CLA monitors 11 lakes and ponds in the area.

He also said some lakes are getting cleaner as measures are taken to prevent pollution.

Lake Smart
People who live on a lake can educate themselves and support the health of the lake through the Lake Smart program, formerly offered by DEP but now operated by the Maine Lakes Society, in cooperation with a local lake as-



A heavy plastic mat used to kill milfoil by laying it over the plants at the bottom of a pond.
Submitted photo

sociation. A trained evaluator will visit and assess property in five categories: road, driveway and parking areas; structures and septic systems; lawn, recreation areas and footpaths; shorefront and beach; and undeveloped land.

The program focuses on stabilizing eroded areas, reducing the use of chemicals, diverting rainwater into vegetated areas, and maintaining or planting trees, shrubs and ground cover along shoreland.

Chandler said such vegetation holds runoff water better than grass.

He said that locally, the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District has been involved with the Lake Smart program, and the CLA is interested in starting one in the area.

Lake Smart had been limited in its activity in recent years, said Chandler, but now that the Maine Lakes Society is running the program they are looking to expand the participation.

Milfoil
Chandler also updated the local fight against the invasive variable-leaf milfoil plant, which has been growing in both Lake Christopher and Shagg Pond in Woodstock in recent years. The plants can choke lakes and make boating and swimming diffi-

cult. And the sheer mass of plants decaying can also contribute to oxygen depletion, he said.

Chandler said the lake association has made progress in removing it from Lake Christopher, but because the plant had spread significantly in Shagg Pond and the lake is infestation is in an open area, the goal will be to manage and contain it.

Fighting milfoil is not cheap. Chandler estimates that about \$160,000 in private, grant and in-kind funds has been spent over the past decade in the local effort.

A concern last year was the discovery of milfoil in the swampy pond area on the other side of Rowe Hill Road, from Lake Christopher, where the Little Androscoggin River starts.

"We have done some control work in that area but have much more to do," Chandler said after his presentation. "We checked further down in the Little Androscoggin River but did not see any live or dead plants. They do not do well in shaded and moving water. We had the same concern in the Neizinscot from Shagg, but it is not spreading. Always a little concern, but it seems a minor risk from our observations and we are monitoring the

situation."

Chandler summarized, using a 2010 "The State of Lakes in Maine" Report done at Colby College, "Out of Maine's 5,785 lakes only 24 have invasive aquatic plants, and about 30 lakes are considered impaired, and these numbers have stayed fairly stable in recent years. Maine has more lakes, better water quality and fewer infested lakes than any other New England state. The lakes in our area tend to have average or above average water quality compared to other lakes in Maine. There are many potential threats affecting Maine lakes but if we remain vigilant and people continue to get involved in protecting water quality we will be able to sustain this valuable resource."

More information

For more information on the Lake Smart program, go to www.maineclanet.org/HOME/tabid/36/Default.aspx.

For ice-out statistics, go to <http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2005/3002/>.

For data on area ponds, go to www.lakesofmaine.org/your-lake.html.

For more on the Community Lakes Association and milfoil efforts, go to <http://www.communitylakesassociation.org/>.

FOOD

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families can come in and under my supervision, put together the boxes we will give away," said Bean. "I can also use adult help giving away boxes on the second Monday and getting fresh fruit and vegetables that morning."

Volunteers may contact Bean at 824-0369 or at bean@goaldacademy.org. Bean provided the following statistics on hunger in Maine: The state has the

third highest rate of hunger of any state and the highest in New England; one in six Mainers are hungry; and one in four children live in a food-insecure home.

The Bethel pantry serves Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

ROAD

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Bonney estimated that the engineering would take a week of field time and up to two more weeks of office time. The board agreed to use April 1 as the deadline for completion of the engineering work.

With the annual town meeting scheduled for March 3, selectmen discussed whether it would be possible to get voter approval for the construction phase of the project in advance of putting it out to bid, in order to have the work done during the 2014 construction season.

"I'm not sure if it will last another year," said Selectman Brooks Morton.

The board decided to place an item on the town meeting warrant, asking for approval of the expenditure of up to \$400,000 for the work, based on a prior estimate received in October from Main-Land Development Consultants of Livermore Falls.

The roadwork would take approximately four to five weeks, Bonney estimated, and he suggested Oct. 1 as a completion date to avoid cold temperatures during paving.

DRUGS

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"another detective who's just assigned to drug work to work with MDEA (Maine Drug Enforcement Agency)."

But he also said there is generally more drug activity.

"It's extremely epidemic in prescription pills," said Gallant. And, he said, "There's a new influx of heroin that we hadn't seen for a lot of years, because

that's cheaper right now than cocaine. It's the medications, the heroin."

Gallant added that recently, "we got more than \$5,000 that we got on drug seizures that was awarded to the OCSO, that goes back into our revenue for equipment and investigative materials."

The money is currency found in the course of drug law enforcement incidents, he said.

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Shetterly speaks on “Americans Who Tell the Truth”

By Matthew Daigle/Sun Media Wire

Portrait painter Robert Shetterly spoke at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day program Monday at Gould Academy of other “truth-tellers” who had an impact on promoting social, environmental and economic fairness.

The presentation by the Brooksville resident focused on his portrait series titled “Americans Who Tell the Truth.” The collection consists of citizens who “courageously engage issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness,” according to his website.

Shetterly told students and faculty that each year on MLK Day he, “can’t think of any other word besides ‘depressed’ to describe it.”

“You may think, ‘What, depressed? On a holiday like this?’” Shetterly said.

“Pay attention to the news, whether it’s NPR, Fox News or other news stations, and of course, they always make a big deal out of it and play a 20-second clip of the ‘I Have a Dream’ speech,” he said. “The reason the holiday depresses me is because the hoopla and celebration is most often used to disguise and hide what he really thought, what he really said and probably, what he really died for.”

Shetterly said, in his opinion, the most impressive and important speech King ever gave was his “Time to Break Silence” speech delivered April 4, 1967, in Riverside Church in New York.

“He made public for the first time his feelings on the Vietnam War,” Shetterly said. “He equated militarism with racism, consumerism, materialism and poverty, saying that these were all part of the totality of what this country had become, that these things were inseparable.”

“King had been advised to not give this speech,” Shetterly said. “People said, ‘What you’re doing is about civil rights. This is not our issue. This is not what we’re struggling for.’ King said, ‘No, you’re wrong. My conscience demands that I give this speech.’”

Shetterly talked about several of his other paintings, including portraits of Sojourner Truth, Wendell Berry, Woody Guthrie and Oren Lyons.

He asked the audience to consider the “thousands and thousands of people who played different roles, the many martyrs who gave up their lives, whether anonymously or actively.”

“A person like Martin Luther King Jr. begins to seem like a one-of-a-kind person,” Shetterly said. “An extraordinary man who was a savior, and we think ‘Thank goodness that we had him, or else civil rights wouldn’t exist, nothing wouldn’t have changed, and I hope another savior comes.’ That isn’t who he was or who he wanted to be. He would not have succeeded if it were not for those thousands of others who helped.”

Monday’s program was organized by Arla Patch, community outreach coordinator for the Maine-Wabanaki REACH program.

Patch said her intent in organizing a joint Martin Luther King Jr. Day event with Gould Academy and the Maine-Wabanaki REACH program was to promote a “transformation of consciousness.” She said that during the recent Molly Ockett Festival, the Maine-Wabanaki REACH program had students from Telstar Regional High School and Gould Academy participate in an essay contest instead of having a non-native woman dress up as Molly Ockett and parade down Main Street.

For years, Bethel organizations have held Molly Ockett Day, named for the Pequawket Indian who lived among and befriended the early settlers of Western Maine.

“It was frankly embarrassing and offensive to see that,” Patch said, “and that’s something that has been going on for 55 years. Last year, instead of a non-native dressing up as Molly Ockett, we attempted to shift people’s awareness by having an essay contest asking students

what they thought times were like for Molly Ockett and her people.”

Patch said she told Shetterly about Esther Attean, a Passamaquoddy Tribal citizen and co-director of the Maine-Wabanaki REACH program, and Denise Altwater, the organization’s youth outreach and education coordinator, and the work they had done.

Attean, along with Altwater, were instrumental in the creation of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The commission’s purpose is to “uncover and acknowledge the truth of what happened to Wabanaki children and families in the Maine child welfare system, create opportunities to heal and learn from the truth, and collaborate to improve the child welfare system for Okinawan children and families,” according to its website.

Upon hearing about Attean and Altwater, Shetterly said he interviewed them and painted portraits of them, which were unveiled last month at the State House in Augusta.

“Doing my little part to help spread and authenticate the voice of native people has been one of the most profound parts of the past 12 years of doing this project,” he said.

Prior to Shetterly’s talk, four Gould Academy students read short reflections on some of Shetterly’s portraits.

Junior Hannah Runyon chose John Lewis, a civil rights activist and Congressman. She said she found Lewis “very interesting,” especially after learning that he was heavily influenced by Martin Luther King Jr.

She said the programs Gould organizes are “really special. It puts a different spin on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, instead of kids just getting a day off from school.”

Senior Madison Hertzog wrote about Margaret Chase Smith, a former United States senator from Maine. Hertzog said she was first

enamored with “the colors that were used for the painting. I’m also very interested in empowered women and think that she was a very important part of history that people should know more about.”

Monday’s program allows students “to see a different aspect of suffrage in the United States, and instead of looking at just Martin Luther King Jr., we get to see hundreds of other people who helped the world,” Hertzog said.

Freshman Zoe Bean chose Winona LaDuke, an activist and environmental writer, because she found her interesting.

Junior Pratt Olson chose John Brown, a white American abolitionist, due to “the conflict surrounding him” and the fact that he was “willing to die for what he believed in.”

History Department Chairman Brad Clarke said, “Pat Donovan, the associate head of school, and I have been working together for what seems like seven or eight years to organize these Martin Luther King Jr. Day events. It’s great to have these people who are known throughout the state for advancing civil rights speak at our school.”

“We’ve had guest speakers in the past, but this is the first time we’ve had people from the state who are very committed to the cause of civil rights,” Clarke said.

Clarke later lauded Patch for her role in organizing the event.

“She was sort of the mover and shaker, and a lot of the synergy seemed to be coming from her. She did an incredible job here and, selfishly, for me, it was great to be exposed to the caliber of these kinds of speakers,” he said.

Patch said that, for her, the most exciting part of the program was “the merging of different disciplines.”

“Art and painting, truth and reconciliation, history and storytelling, natives and non-natives,” Patch said. “It’s a wonderful integration on so many levels.”

Skier injured at Sunday River critical

By Sun Media Wire

A woman seriously injured last week in a skiing accident at Sunday River Resort was in critical condition Wednesday at Central Maine Medical Center, according to a CMMC spokesman.

Sandra Bastinelli, 56, of Westminster, Md., was skiing with her husband, George T.R. Orton, and members of a Maryland ski club when she fell on an expert trail and suffered head and brain injuries, said stepdaughter Nichole M. Lewno, speaking for the family.

“We appreciate the exemplary care that she has received from the first responders to the staff at Central Maine Medical Center,” she said. “She’s an amazing woman.”

Bastinelli is in the intensive care unit and is expected to remain at the hospital for at least a “few more weeks,” she said.

In a posting Saturday to his Facebook page, Orton wrote, “there have

been some small improvements in her condition that are all positive. However, we are not out of the woods yet. In fact, this will be a very long process.”

“Your prayers and good wishes are very much appreciated.”

Bastinelli was skiing on White Heat, an expert trail, when she skied onto a section that hadn’t been groomed and fell, Sunday River spokeswoman Darcy Morse said Friday. Ski patrol members saw her from the chairlift and responded immediately. The woman was found bleeding and unconscious, Morse said.

She was flown to CMMC by LifeFlight helicopter, Morse said.

According to the family, Bastinelli and her husband are expert skiers who have traveled to ski resorts all over the world with their Maryland-based ski club.

Bastinelli is a retired nurse who has managed home health and hospice agencies, Lewno said.

Case dismissed against Bethel man

By Peter McGuire/Sun Media Wire

Prosecutors have dismissed a case against Brian Cronkite, 28, a Bethel man accused of assaulting and terrorizing a woman at his home in July.

Cronkite’s attorney, Maurice Porter, said Friday that his client was relieved the case is over.

“Brian is happy to get his life back,” Porter said. “This has been a very traumatizing experience for him.”

Assistant District Attorney Richard Beauchesne

filed the dismissal in Oxford County Superior Court on Wednesday.

In October, an Oxford County grand jury indicted Cronkite on assault, domestic violence, terrorizing and criminal restraint charges.

On Friday, Beauchesne said “substantial inconsistencies” between the alleged victim’s initial claims and her subsequent claims would make it impossible to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt.”



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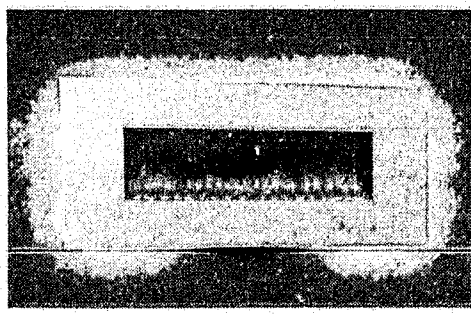
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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

Criminal minds have always amazed me. I’m not referring to the serious hardcore criminals who commit murders or rapes; they scare me with their very existence. The ones who amaze me are more along the lines of petty criminals. What amazes me about them is just how stupid some of these yahoos are.

My husband and I occasionally watch some of the “true” cop shows on television. When the cops catch someone running from them and find drugs or stolen merchandise these brainiacs always deny the crime even though they’re caught red handed.

One of my favorite stupid criminals was a young man stopped for a motor vehicle violation. The officer who stopped him realized the young man appeared to be a bit high and asked if he had any drugs in his possession.

The young man stated that he certainly did not have any drugs, however, upon being searched a large amount of an illegal substance in a plastic bag was found taped to the suspect’s crotch.

One would think that the smart thing to do at this point would be to say, “You got me,” but this brilliant young man claimed he had no idea how the plastic bag of drugs got taped to his crotch. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

You don’t have to watch television though to hear about stupid criminals. Right here in Maine quite recently a man who allegedly torched a mobile home

he had been evicted from showed up at the scene of the fire reeking with the smell of gasoline, which happened to be the substance that started the fire. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

And how about the man in Kentucky who escaped from prison during the recent cold snap? He either didn’t pay any attention to the weather report or figured he’d be okay with a jacket, but ended up turning himself in to the police

Criminal minds have always amazed me.

so he wouldn’t freeze. The man was nearing the completion of a six-year sentence when he escaped and would have been released in March. That is no longer the case. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

A woman in Nashville got caught shoplifting at a Macy’s Department Store a couple of years ago. She left the state before her scheduled court date. The court in Nashville later received a copy of the woman’s death certificate, which stated that she had died in Kentucky of a drug overdose.

That should have been the end of the story, but as it turns out the woman had

purchased the fake death certificate and mailed it herself. She might have gotten away with it if she had not returned to Nashville and got caught (guess where?) shoplifting at Macy’s. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

One enterprising would be thief in Pennsylvania had the right tools to break door locks and they worked pretty slick. The tool he lacked was a functioning brain because after he managed to break the lock on the door of a bar he was caught furiously trying to pull the door open. He apparently didn’t notice or couldn’t read the sign on the door that said PUSH. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

And here is one dimwit from Oregon who takes the stupid criminal prize. He was driving a U-Haul and crashed it into a house. I guess he thought he would be able to cover up his accident by setting the house on fire because that is what he did. He then broke into the neighbor’s house and stole a bunch of elk meat from the freezer. He must have been hungry.

Police found him fully clothed hiding in a hot tub holding a machete. Not giving up easily once placed in the cruiser, Mr. Elk Meat For Brains proceeded to kick the roof and windows causing \$1,000 damage to the cruiser. Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

Like I said, these criminal types truly do amaze me and the way I see it, petty criminals like the ones mentioned are just plain stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The "Old Farmer's Almanac" warned that this would be a hard winter with snow, ice storms, flooding, and frigid temperatures. Predictions for Bethel this week include subzero temperatures. If you're not a fan of this weather, take heart, because winter is almost half over. In the past week several people have reminded me of the old saying, "A farmer should on Candlemas day, have half his corn and half his hay." It's part of an old poem that celebrates the early Christian holiday of Candlemas Day on Feb. 2. Here, we call it Groundhog Day. The early Christians in Europe celebrated their Candlemas Day by having clergy pass out blessed candles, and, like us today, they kept an eye on the hibernating animals. If the animals came out of their burrows and saw their shadows on Candlemas Day, they would run back into their burrows and winter would last another six weeks. Why was Feb. 2 chosen for this holiday? It's halfway between the Winter Solstice and Spring Equinox, when almost everyone in the Northern Hemisphere is looking for a fun holiday.

Did you see the news article on the "sand wars" in our sister publication, the Sun Journal, on Jan. 16? Sand stockpiles have been shrinking in Maine because of the unusually icy and snowy weather. Some towns in Oxford County are discussing installing surveillance cameras or prosecuting people because they are taking too much sand. Other towns claim contractors or outsiders are taking sand meant for residents. About the only town not mentioned in the article was Bethel. Our town has been exemplary this year in trying to clear the ice and snow from the roads and sidewalks and in providing sand. There are two sand barrels in the village that are kept full: one near the library; the other, on Main Street across from the Post Office. The sand shed near the airport has been kept well-stocked and plowed. There is a large sign on the shed that says, "Winter sand for public use. Please limit yourself to two 5-gallon buckets. Thank you." I think our town understands that providing sand is a priority safety issue during the winter. I have been to the sand shed several times this winter. Without sand, I would not have been able to provide safe walkways for family and friends. I thank the Town of Bethel for that.

The guest speaker at the Bethel United Methodist

Church on Sunday, Jan. 19, was the Rev. Beverly Stenmark, the District Superintendent of the Mid-Maine District of the United Methodist Church.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, how did you enjoy the January thaw? Winter is back in full swing this week, making for some beautiful scenes through the area with the light snow covering the landscape. There really is great beauty in a blanket of white freshening things up.

On Sunday, the second birthday of Lily Catherine Lewis was celebrated. Lily is the daughter of John and Tonya, and the granddaughter of Paul and Kathy Hebert. The family celebrated at John and Tonya's home, surrounded by their loving family and friends.

John and Tonya are also expecting their second bundle of joy, a sister for Lily, Madeline, at the end of March. Please join me in wishing their growing family all the blessings the good Lord has in store for them.

Over this past week, I enjoyed breaking new snowshoe trails with a few friends that have the same passion for the winter weather as I do. We all work during the day, so we venture out at night. Well, on our last outing, we stopped for a water break and while we stood there in the falling snow, the sound of coyotes broke the silence.

Now, I know from living out here for so long that they're all around. I've seen them walk by as I was sitting in my tree stand. I've heard them out in the swamp as they tree a bear or down a deer, and seen them down on the intervals during my early morning walks.

Their sound on that particular night was one from the movies. The howl that puts the chill down your spine, with the full moon hiding behind the snow clouds and the dog's neck outstretched toward the sky, making his long howl. It was the first time I had ever heard that sound, and I smiled at the opportunity. Moving along, we crossed the trails packed in the snow from the deer traveling to forage for their winter food, small fox tracks, cat tracks and every now and then, we would hear the cry of the coyotes, almost as if they were following us.

It was an amazing night to stop, shut our headlights off and offer thanks

up to the heavens for the blessings in our lives. As the snow was gently falling, the temperatures mild, every now and then the clouds shifting to reveal a sliver of the full moon; a magical night for sure.

I remember giving thanks for so many wonderful friends in my life and the impact they have on me to be a better person. It was almost like I had a premonition that the next day I was going to lose one of them in a tragic car accident. My heart was telling me to give thanks.

That night was very peaceful. I slept so well. I was grateful.

On Friday morning, I got word of a fatal accident in Peru, and several hours later, while sitting at my desk at the Rumford paper; I got news that it was a friend. Not just any friend, but a true, faithful, no-mask friend.

Jane was a light, a light of God's true and unconditional love for us. A few days before she passed, I saw her smiling face outside my office and stopped for a quick moment in the rain to say hello. As always, she was cheery and bright, sharing her energy with me. We stated our blessings to one another, and we went our separate ways.

I know, without a doubt, that I will be reunited with my friend in our Heavenly home. I am comforted by the walk of faith Jane took while she was here, and grateful to her for sharing her love of Christ with me. I rejoice that she is with our Father in Heaven and all those who have passed on.

In our days ahead, I pray that we are able to share His light in a way that gives others comfort, so much so, that when we are taken from this earthly world, that we can be a testament of the beautiful beginning and not an ending.

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6.

If you would like to share a thought, or news of your family, please feel free to contact me via e-mail, brindlelabs@gmail.com or call me, 357-3469. Blessings to you.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



All dog and cat owners should know and remember that there is a Rabies Vaccine Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Fire Station. The Vet fee is \$15. Town Clerk Melinda Averill will be available to license dogs.

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The Snow Valley Sno-Gosers have announced a special trip, Wind Tower Ride, to be held on Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Having been to the wind towers in the summer and viewed Roxbury Pond and the surrounding mountains, I can only say that the trip will be fantastic. Following the ride there will be a chili supper at the clubhouse. Tickets for club members are \$8, all others \$10.

Plans are continuing for the supper and auction to benefit Steve and Cindy Simmons on Feb. 22, which will take place in the Town Hall. For those living in Andover, Barbara Simmons is the contact person for auction items. I will try to have further details next week.

Nomination papers for the positions of Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor and a Director for SAD 44 are available at the Town Office and must be returned by Jan. 31. While computer literacy is not a legal requirement to be on the select board, it is extremely helpful. Busy times for Select board members are June, July, August, November, December and January, February, March. Please see Melinda Averill, Town Clerk, for papers and you can ask Secretary to the Selectboard, Tina Farrington, for a copy of the Selectboard's Annual Calendar. The Maine Municipal Association website offers tons of information about the duties of Town positions at www.memun.org.

So far, there are two candidates for the Selectman position which has become available due to the retirement of Susan Merrow from the office. Those candidates are Sharon Hutchins and Brian Mills. Both are well-known community minded citizens who have served on various committees and organizations within the town. Sharon served as President of the Andover Educational Fund for 27 years and has been instrumental in forming and continuing the Hungry Kingdom project which feeds our school children through the spon-

County 4-H members, volunteers honored

The University of Maine Youth Development Program in Oxford County recently recognized Alison Corey and Zachary Hebert as Outstanding 4-H Members and Vicki Drew and Doug Bean as Outstanding 4-H Volunteers. They received plaques in December at an annual bowling celebration.

Outstanding members are selected based on 4-H, school and community activities and volunteers are honored for their dedication to 4-H.

Corey, a junior at Gould Academy, joined 4-H at age 5. In fifth grade, she initiated a program that has since created more than 400 back-to-school packs. During her first year at Gould, Corey volunteered her photography skills more than 60 hours weekly at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center at Bryant Pond. Later, she was hired to be a summer lifeguard at the camp and a member of the video and photo production staff. Her photos have been featured in the USDA Children, Youth, and Families at Risk report as well as in University of Maine and Purdue University publications. Corey writes and illustrates stories and won the 2013 Molly Ockett Native American Essay Contest. She has attended the Grab the Torch Leadership, Ethics and Philanthropy Institute and UMaine Teen Leadership camps. Corey has been a volunteer snowboard instructor for the Sunday River Rug Rats, a learn-to-ski program.

Hebert, a senior at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, has been a 4-H member for more than 12 years. He has served as vice president and president of the Hebron Heartbreakers 4-H Club, participated in the Eastern States Exposition, traveled with the 4-H Teen Exchange Club, hosted out-of-state 4-Hers wanting to explore Maine and displayed projects at the Oxford County and Fryeburg fairs. The National Honor Society member is also an Eagle Scout and a Big Brother. He has traveled to China and participated on the soccer, cross-country skiing and lacrosse teams at OHCHS.

Drew, a co-leader of the Oxford Caprine Milkers, has been involved at the club and county levels. As an Oxford County leader for 16 years, she has championed the dairy goat program, assisting 4-H members statewide at fairs and clinics. At the club level, Drew teaches 4-H members record keeping, showmanship, feeding, care and clipping of animals. She showcases goats at Fryeburg Fair. For years, Drew coordinated the 4-H trip to Story Land and collected items for auction fundraisers.

Bean has been a longtime 4-H volunteer with the Twisted Sticks 4-H Club that participates in shows at the Eastern States Exposition, Waterford World's, Skowhegan State, Oxford County, Fryeburg, Monmouth and Windsor fairs. The Twisted Sticks offer a training demonstration at June Jamboree and Scribners Mill and exhibit educational displays in Waterford World's, Oxford County and Fryeburg 4-H halls. In Twisted Sticks' 4-H project records, members indicated they learned self-discipline, responsibility, motivation, critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as communication and determination.

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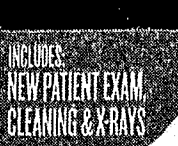
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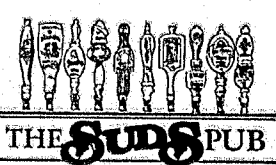
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sorship of the First Congregational Church. Brian Mills has served in many capacities over the last 33 years including 6 years as a selectman. Brian has some definite goals if elected which include privatizing town road and Transfer Station maintenance. Next week I hope to have more complete information on these candidates.

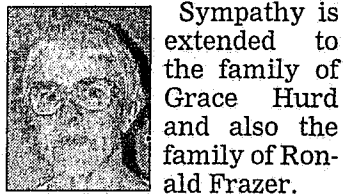
If you have black and white photo suggestions or pictures to submit for the Town Report Cover, please submit them to the Town office by Jan. 30.

The Rec Committee will be sponsoring Indoor Walking with Denise Hurd again this year at Andover Elementary: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. A great way to keep warm, stay healthy and see friends.

Don't forget that this month is canned meat month to help stock the Andover Food Pantry shelves. The pantry is open from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Sympathy is extended to the family of Grace Hurd and also the family of Ronald Frazer. Judith Grover Tent 17 DUVCW met at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Jan. 13. Installation of officers was held with PDP Sally Sawyer as installing officer. Communications from Dept. treasurer Gail Butterfield, Tent 8 and VA Togus and Dept. president Elsie Bonney. Next meeting is Valentines to be signed for the Veterans Home in South Paris. Elsie had a picture of the Honor Roll as it looked around



ALUMNI SPEAK-From left, Principal Dan Hart; Kurt Mason Class of 2013; Gabi Conrad, Class of 2013; Casey Kellner, Class of 2012; Karen White, Class of 2012; Guidance Counselor Lori Lindsay; Crystal Alyward, Class of 1997 and Andrew Whitney, Class of 2008. Absent: James Piccirillo. Submitted photo

1942 with the front in brass. Calls were reported as 12. Vicky read an item of interest that happened on this date in 1865. Cards were requested to be sent to Elsie for Alvena Wiers, who will be 100 at the end of January. Elsie will send them all together. Next meeting is Feb. 10.

The Woodstock Historical Society meeting for January was cancelled because of icy weather. Next meeting is Feb. 8 at 6 p.m., followed by the program about Ezra Stevens, "Maine's Barnum," an interesting character.

The exercise class at the Whitman Memorial Library meets from 9 to 10 a.m. each Thursday, with Nancy Willard as leader. New people welcome.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday eve-

ning at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I have probably said this before, but I am tired of winter. The ice underneath the snow is still treacherous. Last Sunday, there were a couple of inches of snow that fell and that just covered up the ice so it is harder to decide where to walk safely.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday for a short time. When he left for home, he remarked that he was ready for the snowstorm that was supposed to arrive later in the day. This area received only a dusting so there was no plowing to do. I saw someone at the grocery store in Bethel last Thursday and she said that since she had retired as a bus driver for SAD 44, the Gilead column was the only way that she could keep up with what my brother, Steve McLain,

was doing these days. Not much to report, but he is keeping busy.

Town Office

Preparation is underway to compile the annual town report. The books closed on Dec. 31 and the end of the year is almost wrapped up. Reports from any department heads are due in to the office as soon as possible. Also, budgets for 2014 need to be finalized. They will be presented to the selectmen at their Feb. 12 meeting.

There is still another week to license dogs. After Jan. 31, there will be a late fee of \$25.00 that has to be paid on top of the license fee.

The State DOT crew inspected the Androscoggin Bridge last Thursday. As of this past Friday, the sign was still beside Route 2, but the information had not changed from the original statement that the bridge would be closed on Jan. 16.

Gilead Historical Society Discussion about the upcoming Friends and Family Day in June has been going on even though the

THS alumni speak on careers

On Jan. 7 and 8, seven Telstar High School Alumni returned to meet and speak with Grade 9-12 students, faculty members and school administrators.

During their visitations, Gabi Conrad, Kurt Mason, Andrew Whitney, Crystal Alyward, Casey Kellner, James Piccirillo and Karen White met with students and faculty members during activity period, as well as making three or four small group presentations in a variety of classrooms.

All THS Alumni members noted that Telstar prepared them for post-secondary experiences - both in college and career experiences. Alumni also credited many THS teachers who taught either Advanced Placement courses, honors or enrichment classes in United States History, English/language arts, sciences and mathematics, as well as the fine arts and leadership experiences.

Alumni members stressed to students the importance of making the most of their academic, extra-curricular and service experiences while at Telstar. Taking risks, accepting change, being a problem solver and a team player while in high school will better prepare them for success and many opportunities - either with a community college, four year university, in the military service and the world of work.

THS Alumni members represented a range of graduates - from the Class of 1997, 2008, 2012 and 2013. Special thanks to all THS Alumni members who returned, visited and provided valuable information, advice about being a better student and preparing for one's career/future.

GHS does not formally meet in the winter months. Some of the members have been checking in with ideas to bring up at the next official meeting. We try to keep in touch by either phone or e-mail.

Bob and Judy Bishop called to check in with some ideas. Mary Tyler, who is the president, had a couple of items to pass along. Howard Reiche called and checked in on a project that we have been working on for June.

Norm Buttrick also stopped by for a cup of coffee later on in the morning on Saturday. He was at his home on the Bog Road, and on his way to the Transfer Station.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



It seems like an old-fashioned winter may be returning. I sure hope so. With no ice storm in the immediate

forecast and main roads down to the pavement, travel has been easier enabling Hanover residents to venture out more freely.

New snow has brought out more snowmobilers who have been waiting for trail conditions to improve. The Rumford Polar Bears' full trail report for the Hanover and Rumford area can be found on their website at www.snowmobilerumford.com. With the changing conditions and recent rising waters, it is recommended that you check current trail conditions before venturing out or contact the club directly. The trail to the former Gordie Howe's store is being maintained.

As you may know, it is a tradition in Maine for landowners to allow public recreation on private land. According to the Polar Bears' website, all of their 90 miles of snowmobile trails are on privately-owned land. The Polar Bears remind snowmobilers that access to this private land is a privilege, not a right. The Polar Bears ask all snowmobilers to stay on marked trails,

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to keep noise levels down when passing residences, and be mindful that your actions affect all of those who want to use private land for recreation. The Club extends a "thank you" to those private landowners who allow use of their property. (A complete list of those landowners can be found on their website.) The next Polar Bears meeting is Jan. 23, Thursday, 7 pm at Sam's Restaurant on Route 2.

The "Blessing of the Sleds" is set for Feb. 9, at the Mountain Valley Middle School in Mexico. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the Blessing will be at 12 noon. For more information, please contact 207-364-8665. This event is sponsored by the Dixfield and Mexico snowmobile clubs.

If you are looking for some local affordable family winter fun, the Mt. Abram Tubing Park has just reopened after being closed for five seasons. The Tubing Park is the longest in Maine and costs only \$10 for the day. Located at Mt. Abram Ski area in Greenwood, the hours of operation are Friday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private tubing parties for groups are also available. For more information and trail conditions, visit www.skimtabram.com or call the mountain at 875-5000. Tubers must be at least 36 inches tall. All ages are welcome!

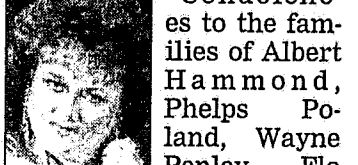
GRML
The Library Bees are meeting again after a short hiatus during the holiday season. All are welcome to join from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., every Tuesday, weather permitting. The Library has some great new books and DVDs so do stop by to browse the new selections during Library hours - Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Hanover residents have until the end of January to license their dogs. A \$25 late fee will be charged after Jan. 31, 2014.

Thank you to those who have submitted news. Please contact Hanover-MENews@gmail.com.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Condolences to the families of Albert Hammond, Phelps Poland, Wayne Penley, Flo Hooper, Ronald Frazer, Grace Hurd, Oliver Nicholas and Roland Jacques. Our thoughts, love and prayers to each family.

L&L Country are off to entertain the Veterans today. We so look forward to seeing our many friends.

Many have been fighting this terrible flu virus, so our get well wishes are going out to all who are not feeling quite up to par.

Country Jam every Friday night at the Rumford Eagles from 7 to 10 p.m. Free to the public. Food concession and beverages available.

Band practice this past week was at Leroy's - we got four hours of practice in - Zach joined us for the first hour in getting his songs ready for Friday night.

Not much news this week, and I apologize for not having my news in for the past couple of weeks.

Wishing y'all a great week and if you have not had your flu shot yet, please consider getting one.

That's all from the valley this week.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



About seventeen people made it to the Ladies Aid for breakfast. This was in spite of the huge snowstorm, almost two inches of snow in one day!

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

The next scheduled meeting for the Upton Selectmen is Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 28.

The changes made to the Citizen website are understandable. But on a personal note I will lose my number one fan/critic, my sister, Kathy. I hope she will change her mind and buy a subscription.

Article 14 in the Upton Town Warrant 1906 reads as follows:

To see if the town will vote to abate the following taxes for the year 1904.

John Warren claims he was not 21 when taxed.

Emon Eid claims he was not 21 when taxed.

Charles Campbell, thought by the tax collector to be worthless.

Ellery Thomas Chester Thomas

Luman Sargent claims to have paid tax in Hale.

Frank Vail claims to have paid tax in Newry.

I believe the tax referred to in the article is the poll tax.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



We are back in the deep freeze. That's OK we are tough and we have our new, new stove and it really puts out the heat. It was over 70 in here yesterday and we all disagree if that is too hot or just right. I like it 60 to 65 tops to sleep. Sadie and David would like it 90. That Hart blood is always cold.

We are now a family of four. David's brother Scott has joined us since last week. He has been helpful bringing in the wood and cleaning. YAY. He also likes my cooking. Not that David and Sadie don't, but they prefer high sugar food. They are skinny by nature and do not have to worry about gaining weight. I made falafel yesterday and he thought that was great. It is.

Chairlift speed dating on the Lift of Love

Are you looking for love this Valentine's Day weekend? If finding that "certain someone" means finding someone who shares your interests including your love of skiing/riding, get ready to get lucky. On Saturday, Feb. 15, Black Mountain, in Jackson, N.H. will be hosting its 7th Annual Chairlift Speed Dating event. It's possibly the highest and best use ever for a double chairlift!

The premise is simple: Single guys and single gals sign up and fill out a simple questionnaire. Every time you ride the LoL (that's "Lift of Love") double chairlift, you get 7 minutes alone with another single. If you hit it off on the ride up, you can ski or ride down together... if not, well, just head back to the lift on your own for another opportunity at meeting your soul mate.

Back by popular demand: "The Love Consultants" will be matching folks based on age and some personal information, to help speed up the love connection process! Humor and good natured fun are at the top of the list!

Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. in the main base lodge. The LoL will be loading participants from 2 to 4 p.m.

Speed Dating is free but all participants must have a lift ticket or Black Mountain Season Pass to ride the Lift of Love. Ticket rates for the Saturday are \$49 for adults and \$32 for juniors or half day rates starting at 12:30 p.m. are \$35 for adults and \$25 for juniors.

If you don't meet your match on the chairlift, we will be hosting a special après event in the Lostbo Pub from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. with music from Jon Sarty. There will be special "love potions" being served up including The Love Bug, Absolute Bliss and The Bun Warmer to help you celebrate your success or drown your sorrows. Great prizes will be given away to new couples, and to the winner of the "Best Pick-up Line" contest.

Here are some of the prizes we have in store: A one night stay for the lucky couple at the Colonial Motel, North Conway N.H., King Love Bed & Hot Tub Suite. There's also a Help the Lonely Man Prize: a gift certificate to Dutch Bloemen Winkel for some pre-date flowers! And Debony's Salon & Day Spa has generously donated a gift certificate which can be used to help get preened and cleaned before the big date! We have many other prizes and fun in store for folks, single or married. Good fun is guaranteed for all!

New director at CMCC Western Maine Center

Central Maine Community College (CMCC) President Scott Knapp has announced the appointment of Lisa MacDonald Cooper as the college's director at the Western Maine University and Community College Center in South Paris.

Lisa comes to CMCC with over 20 years of experience in marketing, project administration, communication, strategic planning, and post-secondary teaching. A native of Scarborough, she earned a bachelor's degree from Bates College and a master's from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She served as the community education coordinator for Lewiston Adult Education and most recently worked as a small business consultant focused on rural development. Lisa has been a writing team member and parent representative for the "Hartford-Summer Elementary School Committee to Improve School Progress" and RSU 10's Future Options Facilities Planning Committee. She is past president of the Durham PTA and a past executive board member for the Maine PTA. She resides in Buckfield with her husband and children.

As director Lisa is responsible for the coordination of CMCC classes offered at the Center and other locations in Oxford County. She provides advising services to students and serves as the area's high school liaison for recruitment and admissions. Lisa will also work to develop customized training programs for the Oxford County business community. For more information contact Lisa at 743-9322 ext. 204 or lcooper@cmcc.edu.

It is late because my computer malfunctioned and David had to fix it, so this will be very short. I spent most of yesterday waiting for Safelight to show up to repair the broken window in the truck. They did not. Today I will call someone local. The phone book in Bethel didn't have too many choices and the window broke while we were at work.

Jan. 25 there is a family fun day in Bridgton. The Musher's Bowl will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Five Fields Farm in South Bridgton. There will be snowshoeing, sliding, snowman building and hot drinks, food and a campfire. FMI please call 647-4352.

Sunday is SAD 44 free ski day at Sunday River. Great deal for those who live up there. Free lift tickets, adult learning packages and a 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

Much as I would like to say more, it is time to go. Have a great and safe week. Guess we are in for more snow if you can believe the forecasts.

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 14

At 7:13 p.m. a report was received of a violation of bail conditions in Hanover by contact through social media. The incident was under investigation by Cpl. George Cayer.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

At 7:55 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to a property-damage rollover on the Sunday River Road in Newry.

At 10:05 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to Walkers Mills Road in Bethel to assist Bethel Rescue with a patient who had fallen on the ice.

At 6:21 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Route 26 in Greenwood for a single-vehicle crash. The two occupants were checked by PACE and then released.

Thursday, Jan. 16

At 9:14 a.m. Deputy Andover Whitney responded to Telstar High School for a report of a vehicle passing a stopped school bus in Bethel. The incident was investigated and a report made and submitted to the District Attorney's office for review.

At 1:30 p.m. a report was received of a loaded logging truck on Route 2 with logs that appeared to be loose. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Friday, Jan. 17

At 3:22 p.m. a caller on Mayville Road in Bethel reported selling alcohol to a person who was legal, but an employee then observed the person trying to give it to a minor. The caller interrupted the exchange and confiscated the alcohol. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

Saturday, Jan. 18

At 8:04 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney stopped a car on Route 2 in West Bethel for criminal speed. The driver was summonsed.

At 12:30 p.m. a report was received of the theft of approximately \$100 of returnables from an outbuilding at a camp in Woodstock. Deputy Dani Welch was assigned.

At 10:17 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey assisted a State Trooper with an investigation of drug trafficking in northwestern Oxford County.

At 10:45 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer, Cpl. Justin Brown and Deputy Peter Casey responded to a personal-injury crash at the intersection of the Sunday River Road and Route 2 in Bethel. Investigation revealed that alcohol was a factor in the crash, which left a Lovell man with minor injuries. He was taken to the hospital. OUI charges were pending.

Sunday, Jan. 19

At 2:49 a.m. Deputy Peter Casey investigated a criminal trespass at a residence in Bethel. Charges were pending for a local subject who entered the residence and stayed there without invitation or legal reason.

At 10:39 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to a two-vehicle crash with no injuries at the intersection of Hart Lane and Main Street in Greenwood.

Monday, Jan. 20

At 6:10 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Cross Street in Bethel for a report of a burglary.

At 3:37 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to Railroad Street in Bethel for a gas driveoff.

OCSD Jail Log

Jan. 17, 11:26 p.m.: V. Roger Onorati, 66, of Newton, Mass., OUI, by Deputy Nathan Bowie in Greenwood.

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Prime Time Ski Club news

We're well into the new year and members of Sunday River's Prime Time Ski Club are all geared up for another great season. Despite Mother Nature and thanks to the mountain's expert snowmakers and groomers, members have been enjoying the many ski trails that are open while anxiously awaiting a full trail count.

The Prime Time Ski Club boasts a membership of nearly 150 snow sports enthusiasts who are 50 years and older with intermediate to advanced skiing ability. True to our motto, "No one needs to ski alone," Prime Time members meet every weekday at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge for a quick get together before breaking into small informal groups of four to eight skiers based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference. Prime Time is also a social group with members getting together for pot luck dinners and other events from time to time. We also do a few good deeds, such as supporting the Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation program and the local Mahoosuc Land Trust.

We hope you'll join us. Check out our web site at www.primetimeskiclub.com. Or just show up at North Peak Lodge weekdays at 10 a.m. (in the area just past the bar) and check us out.

Many of our members were among the hundreds of spectators and skiers who crowded the slopes at Sunday River for the first Red Bull Frozen Rush Jan. 10. Veteran professional off-road truck racers switched from dirt speedways to frozen slopes to compete on a mile-long, figure-eight course rising over 550 vertical feet on the lower slopes in front South Ridge base lodge. With Pro4 racing trucks flying off jumps on snowy inclines and declines and dodging slalom gates, eight veteran motorsports drivers tested their skills against one another while trying to control speed and outpace their opponents.

Each racing truck was modified to adapt to the harsh weather conditions, including one-of-a-kind studded and specially designed mud terrain tires. Sanctioned by the U. S. Auto Club, one of auto racing's leading governing bodies, the race featured a bracketed, single elimination format with two drivers on course at a time. The winner was motocross and supercross athlete Ricky Johnson, who beat Johnny Greaves in the finals. Greaves appeared to beat the unofficial countdown clock but a pair of penalties negated his effort and handed Johnson the win.

If you missed the Red Bull Frozen Rush, you can watch the following you tube video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dDzAFWtaCPI&feature=youtu.be>. Or better yet, tune in to watch the full race on NBC-TV on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2, at 3 p.m. EST, preceding the big football game.

And don't forget about Go50 Week activities at Sunday River Jan. 27 through 31. On Monday meet some of Sunday River's team members as well as Prime Time members at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. and enjoy free hot cinnamon buns and coffee. Later that day there's a Welcome Social at the Foggy Goggle from 3 to 4:30 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres. Come meet Prime Time members who can give you advice about the best places to ski on the mountain and then listen to Scott Andrews, Ski Museum of Maine's historian, talk about the history of ski equipment manufacturing in Maine. Other activities for the week are listed on Sunday River's web site.

'Winter Wild' race at SR

In an effort to bolster interest and participation in active living events among outdoor enthusiasts, Sunday River will host the third stop of Team AMP's (Athletes Multisport Partnership) Winter Wild eight-race series this Saturday, Jan. 25. The Winter Wild Race asks participants to do something not typically done in the world of downhill: go uphill.

An uphill race with a twist, the Winter Wild format is broken into four categories by age group: Open (microspikes, running shoes, snowshoes, etc.), Track Skis (lightweight skiing/diagonal gear), Telemark, and Heavy Metal (alpine skis, randonee bindings, plastic boots).

Whichever gear the participant uses to make it up the first half of Sunday River's 4.15-mile long course is what he or she must use to make it back down. The only exception applies to snowboarders, who are allowed to carry their boards uphill and ride back down. No sleds or blades are allowed in this event.

Sunday River's Winter Wild Race course is based out of White Cap basin and climbs up the Tempest trail to the Upper Sunday Punch trail before reaching the summit of Locke Mountain. From there, racers will descend the Lazy River trail to Tourist Trap, and on to Roadrunner, before completing the loop at White Cap.

Following the race, there will be an awards ceremony inside of the White Cap Lodge, where prizes will be presented to the top three male and female competitors in each category (by age group).

Registration for this event is \$20 pre-race online, or \$25 the day of the race. Registrants can save \$5 on the pre-race fee by using the coupon code "wintermotivation" online through today, Thursday, Jan. 23.

Registrants also qualify for special event day lift tickets (\$50) that can be purchased on race day.

On race day, competitors must check in at the White Cap Lodge before 6:40 a.m. The Winter Wild Race at Sunday River starts at 7 a.m.

For more information on the Winter Wild Race series, visit newwinterwild.com.

Enter skistakes to win day at Mt. Abram

Love nature? Love to ski? Celebrate both this winter by entering The Nature Conservancy's annual "I Love Nature Skistakes."

A dozen Mainers will win a pair of one-day lift tickets to Mt. Abram as part of an effort to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy nature this winter.

"Ski, skate, snowshoe or just take a walk. Nature puts on an amazing show that makes winter in Maine special," said Mike Tetreault, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy in Maine.

Enter via the sweepstakes tab on the Maine Nature Conservancy Facebook page, then post a note or a photo showing us what you love about getting out into nature during the long Maine winter, using the tag #skistakes.

"As the 2012 Golden Eagle Award winner, Mt. Abram is committed to environmental stewardship," said Marketing Director Jamie Schectman, "We are honored to be partnered with the Nature Conservancy on the 'I Love Nature Skistakes.'"

The fun begins Thursday, Jan. 23, and you can enter daily. Winners will be selected by random drawing Feb. 6, just in time for Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, Feb. 14 through 16, 2014. All Maine residents over 18 are eligible to enter and full sweepstakes rules can be found online at <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/maine/explore/maine-2014-stakes-rules.xml>.

Cathy Newell retires

Cathy Newell of Greenwood, Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association, was honored by the Maine Legislature on Thursday, January 9, for her 35 years in Maine Adult Education, most recently her twelve years with the Association as Executive Director. Ms. Newell will be retiring in mid-February.

During the morning session of the House of Representatives, a Legislative Sentiment was passed, presented by Rep. Peggy Rotundo and co-sponsored by Senator John Patrick and Rep. Tom Winsor, with remarks by Rep. Peggy Rotundo, Rep. Bruce MacDonald, Rep. Jarrod Crockett, Rep. Diane Russell and Rep. Terry Hayes. The text of the sentiment read: "Recognizing: Cathy Newell, of Greenwood, on the occasion of her retirement after 35 years in the adult education field. Ms. Newell has been the Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association since 2001. A University of Maine and Vassar graduate with a background in social studies and art history, Ms. Newell first taught high school students in Rockland and at Gould Academy. She has been on and chaired many boards and committees over the years and has been involved in many activities devoted to civic and community fund-raising and outreach efforts. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the Maine Adult Education Association, Ms. Newell spent 23 years as Director of the Maine School Administrative District 44 Adult Education Program in Bethel. We extend our appreciation to Ms. Newell for her commitment to the citizens of the State and wish her well in her future endeavors."

As part of the Association's program in Hall of Flags following the session, a number of legislators, including Rep. Peggy Rotundo, Majority Leader Seth Berry, Rep. Bruce MacDonald, Rep. Michael Beaulieu, Rep. Mary Nelson, Rep. Ann Peoples, Rep. Helen Rankin joined in the presentation of the sentiment. Rep. Rotundo described Ms. Newell as "a proven leader in the field and an 'effective interpreter' for legislators on the needs of adult learners."

In responding, Ms. Newell commented, "This has been an incredibly rewarding career, and today was especially nice - sitting in the House Gallery surrounded by adult learners and valued colleagues, listening to legislators from both parties saying nice things about me. I am leaving knowing that 2013 was a good year for Maine Adult Education, with the increased funding for expansion of Maine College Transitions, a reasonable solution to the high school equivalency exam with a 44% increase in GED's, and two major foundation grants to support upgrades to the Maine Adult Education web portal, plus many wonderful stories of student success through adult education."

Further information about the event is available on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/MaineAdultEd.CollegeTransitions>.



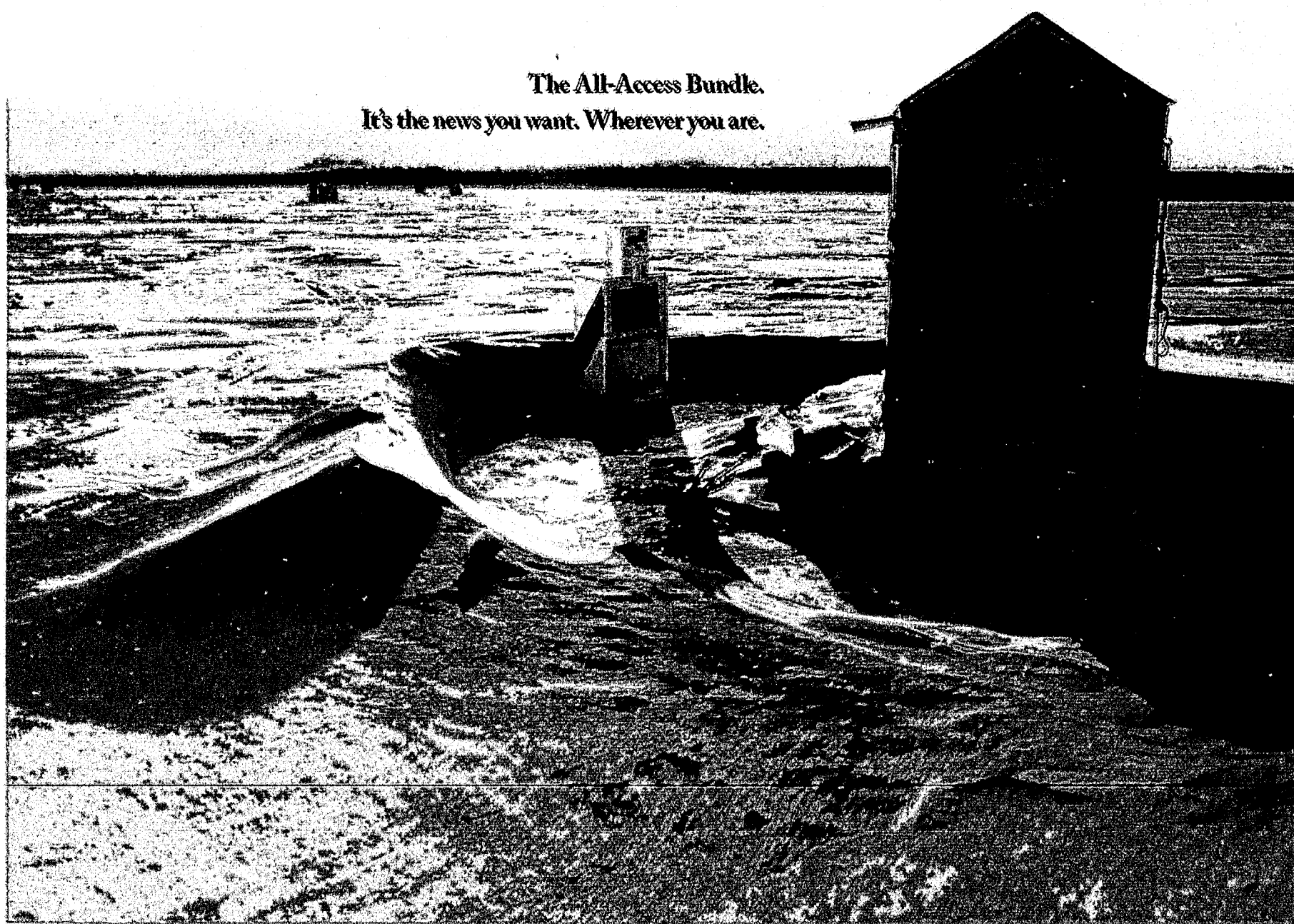
Cathy Newell (left) in the gallery of the House Chamber with colleagues from Maine Adult Education and a group of adult learners from Houlton/Hodgdon Adult Education.

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Sports

High School Boys' Basketball

Wiscasset 56, Telstar 42; Jan. 17 - Telstar's Mike Dougherty scored 11 and Austin Ryerson 10 in a loss to Wiscasset.

High School Girls' Basketball

Wiscasset 52, Telstar 37; Jan. 17 - Telstar's Kayla Gordon scored nine points as the Rebels fell to Wiscasset.

High School Nordic Skiing

Jan. 15 - Telstar High School Nordic team competed against Oxford Hills, Dirigo and Monmouth Academy at Roberts Farm in Norway. The girls placed second and the boys third.

Girls' places and times: 2. Carla Boyle-Wight 20:34, 5. Gabi Stone 22:21, 10. Kaitlyn Brown 24:21, 12. Anneliese Smith 25:49.

Boys' places and times: 10. Kellen True 19:13, 13. Liam Gallagher 20:59, 18. Greg Wheeler 23:15, 22. Alec Fowles 29:01.

Middle School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Spruce Mountain 50, Telstar 24; Jan. 8 - Telstar scorers: Kylee Martin, 8; Annika Mitchell, 4; Brooke Carson, 4; Brooke Richardson, 4; Jillian Thielbar, 2; Caroline Finley, 2. - Coach David Berry

Telstar 30, St. Dominic's 28; Jan. 9 - In their game against St. Dom's, Kylee Martin hit the Rebels' first three-point shot of the year with less than a minute to

go in the game to lead the Rebels to victory. Telstar scorers: Kylee Martin, 12; Luci Rothwell, 6; Brooke Carson, 4; Aneah Bartlett, 4; Brooke Richardson, 4. - Coach David Berry

Middle School Girls' JV Basketball

Spruce Mountain 39, Telstar 20; Jan. 8 - Telstar scorers: Madison Roberts, 10; Calla Orino, 4; Luci Rothwell, Nicole Berry and Caroline Newell each chipped in with one basket. - Coach David Berry

Mountain Valley 29, Telstar 24; Jan. 13 - Telstar scorers: Madison Roberts, 10; Aneah Bartlett, 8; Nicole Berry, 2; Calla Orino, 2; Hattie Doyle, 2. - Coach David Berry

Telstar 24, Carrabec 17; Jan. 15 - Telstar scorers: Luci Rothwell, 10; Aneah Bartlett, 8; Nicole Berry, 4; Calla Orino, 2. - Coach David Berry

Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

Jan. 19 - There was plenty of action this past Sunday at the Mountain Valley Middle School, with Ranor, Inc. (4-0) having a bye and the Mountain Valley High School roof continuing to leak. Bethel (1-3) cracked the win column with a 62-58 win over Jay (1-4). Meanwhile, LBI (5-0) remained undefeated with a short squad, besting Archie's (2-2), 92-84 and Tommy Guns (2-2) trounced Neptune Contracting (0-4), 115-37.

Bethel's Wade Osgood helped Bethel break out of an early season slump with 33 points, three behind the arc. Ryan Kimball assisted with 16 points, rookie

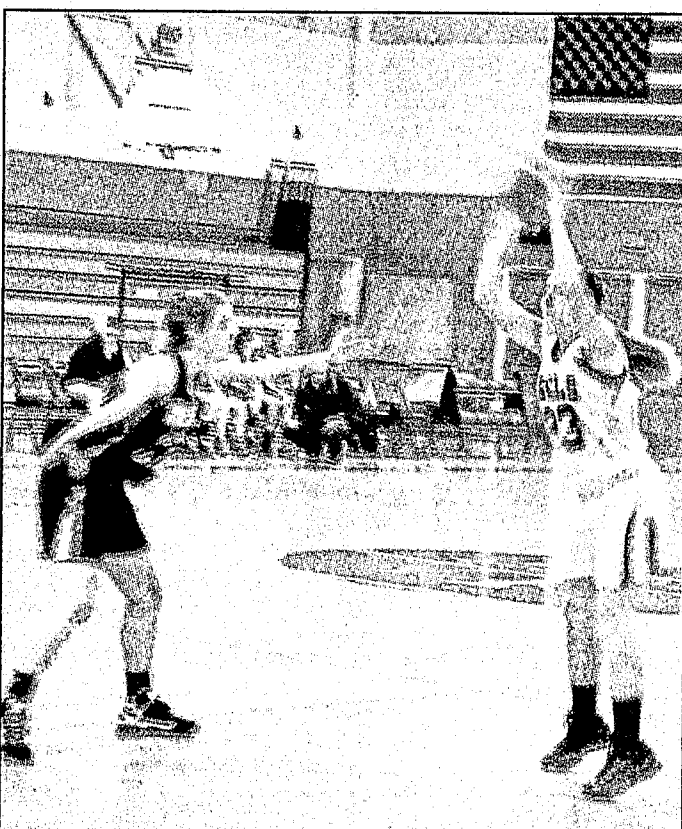
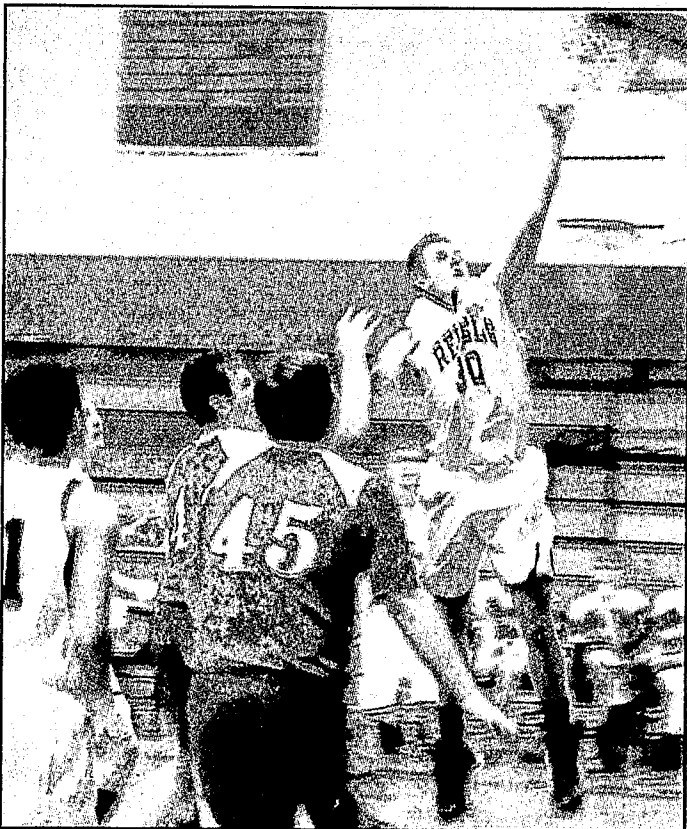
Dom Haines, playing in his father Scot's footsteps, had 11 and Terry Collins had 10. Jay was led by Levi Armandi with 19 points and 4 threes, Matt Schmitt with 15 points and Wes Murphy with 12. Archie's was looking to upset a light LBI squad, but balanced scoring from Chris Baxter (24 points, 3 threes), Jon Benjamin (23 points, 5 threes) and Brian Canwell (21 points) and Big Andrew McCann (10 points and lots of rebounds), stymied the valiant effort. Archie's got a huge game from Cody St. Germain with 32 points and 6 from long range. Brett Archibault was next with 22 points and 2 threes while long bombing Dylan Mawhinney had 19 points and 5 threes. Finally, Tommy Guns just toyed with Neptune in the last game's blow out. All seven players reached double figures, Dave St. Germain (22 points), Tim Turner (20), Trevis Knapp (19), Colby Knapp (14), Steve Wood and Kurt Varney (11) and smooth play maker Nick Weeks (10). Wes Mason was the only player for Neptune to reach double figures with 13 points. Please check out the league's Facebook page or visit the website at mvrbl.webs.com.

GIRL DONATES MONEY FOR PHILIPPINES

GIRL DONATES MONEY FOR PHILIPPINES-Ella Kellogg decided that instead of gifts from her friends on her 11th birthday she would ask them to give money that would have been spent on the gifts so that she could donate to the Rotary Club of Bethel to be sent to the Philippines for their disaster needs following Typhoon Haiyan Nov. 8. She wanted to help provide clothing, food or shelter for these individuals in this terrible time of need. Ella raised \$120. She is the daughter of Bryan and Heather Kellogg of Bryant Pond. Here, Ella presents Rene McGrew, Rotary president, with the donations she raised.



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The Telstar boys' and girls' basketball teams played Wiscasset last Friday at home, with both squads falling to the visitors. Pictured with the ball are Bronson Dean for the boys and Alyssa Brand for the girls.

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District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilead, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting; 6:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, South Paris. Fly-tying presentation by Rick Little, raffle and refreshments. (Snow date: Thursday, Jan. 30). FMI: Lee Margo-lin (743-9808) or www.facebook.com/mollyockett.tu.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Winter Wild Race; White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. Competitors must check in before 6:40 a.m. Race begins at 7. Online pre-race registration: \$20 (visit <http://www.newwinterwild.com/index.php?doc=27.10>). Race day registration: \$25. Winter Wild format is broken into four categories by age group: Open (microspikes, running shoes, snowshoes, etc.), Track Skis (lightweight skiing/diagonal gear), Telemark, and Heavy Metal (alpine skis, randonnee bindings, plastic boots). Whichever gear is used to make it up the first half of the course is what must be used to make it back down. Snowboarders may carry their boards uphill and ride back down. No sleds or blades are allowed in this event.

Family Fun Day; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Five Fields Farm, South Bridgton. Mushers Bowl Weekend, snowshoeing, sliding, snowman building, hot drinks, food and a campfire. FMI: 647-4352 or jon@lelt.org.

Crow Mountain Hike; 1 p.m., Philbrook Farm Inn, 881 North Road, Shelburne, N.H. Those wishing to carpool may meet at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office at 12:30. Hikers should bring snow shoes and poles, water, and dress appropriately. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Greenwood Fire Dept. Fish Fry; 3 to 6 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Menu: Fish, French fries, coleslaw and chicken. \$10 a plate with generous portions.

2nd Annual Cause for Laughter; Mt. Abram. A charity comedy event to raise money and awareness for children and families affected by Autism. Doors open at 6 p.m. with food available at Loose Boots Lounge. Show starts at 7 p.m.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Sunday, Jan. 26

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, Jan. 27

Woodstock Republican Meeting; 6 p.m., 61 Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond. Discussion will include the recent talk by Amity Shlaes and the up-coming caucuses. All Republicans registered in the Town of Woodstock are welcome. Please call 665-2049 if you plan to attend.

Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 and 18

Women's Archery Club; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bryant Pond 4H Camp. Cost: \$45, materials included. Instructor: Ron Fournier. An introduction to archery with plenty of time to shoot, learn the basics and have fun. FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or www.sad44.maineadulted.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Marketing information about branding and the need for marketing materials. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

CMCC Informational Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library. This meeting is open to Telstar Juniors and their parents/guardians and will provide information on the relationship between SAD 44 and CMCC that allows Telstar Seniors to attend CMCC while also receiving credit for high school graduation requirements.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Community Supper (no charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1

Colebrook Winter Carnival; Events begin Friday, Jan. 31 with a 7 p.m. concert by the Fireside Fiddlers at

the Tillotson Center. Saturday events include raffles, pancake breakfast, Cardboard Box Derby, cribbage tournament, ice skating, sledding and more. FMI: www.colebrook-kiwanis.org.

Friday, Jan. 31

Community Potluck Supper/Program; 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share for the potluck supper. Bring your favorite children's book for the program - adults and children will take turns sharing excerpts and pictures. FMI: Jim Chandler (357-3523) or Deb Lewis (836-2901).

"Born into Brothels" Film Screening; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Screening of the award-winning film "Born into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids," followed by a Q&A session with Director Ross Kauffman.

Saturday, Feb. 1

State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting; 9 a.m., Upton House.

Maine Telemark Festival; Mt. Abram. Clinics, lessons, giveaways, and live music all day.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Four Chaplains Day; 9 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. The Locke Mills Union Church will host the Jackson Silver Post #68, American Legion on Sunday, Feb. 2, to commemorate "Four Chaplains Day." Everyone is welcome.

Alan Day Community Garden Meeting/Bulk Seed Order; 1 to 3 p.m., Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Refreshments will be served.

Ski for Mason's Mission; Mt. Abram. Proceeds of lift ticket sales will go to Mason, a toddler with severe health challenges who requires treatments not covered by insurance. FMI: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Masons-Mission/343438545762098>.

Monday, Feb. 3

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Business planning. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting; 7 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5, Andover.

Thursday, Feb. 6

"Fat Facts About Your Blood Chemistry - and What You Can Do About It;" 4:30 to 6 p.m., W. P. Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. Program on understanding cholesterol will be presented by Dr. Daniel E. vanBuren, Director of Cardiovascular Medicine of the N. E. Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Free admission. Public invited. Light refreshments. FMI, contact R. Tiff at 824-2053. (Snow Date Feb. 13)

Winthrop Grange 315 Annual Meeting; 7 p.m., Shelburne, N.H. Brenda Bergeron, RN, has been invited to discuss diabetes, the signs and how it affects a person and their family. The public is invited to attend this meeting. FMI: Mary (603-466-7530).

Friday, Feb. 7

Fawn & Noel's Music for Hope; 6 to 8 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 8

OHCHS Project Graduation Annual Chinese Auction; Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Doors open at 11 a.m., auction begins at 1 p.m. Several hundred items and gift certificates to be won as well as \$1 raffle items and a 50/50 raffle. FMI/donations: Nancy (674-3060).

4th Annual Seed Saving Conference; 12 to 6 p.m., University of Maine, Farmington, Robert's Learning Center. The 2014 conference will focus on growing plants to save seed. Classes will include soil nutrition, isolation, insect control, seed-borne diseases, basic seed saving and advanced seed saving. Speakers to include Jim Gerritsen, Roberta Bailey, Amy LeBlanc, Bruce Hoskins and Will Bonsall. This event is sponsored by Farmington Seed Savers Group. A \$5 donation is suggested to help with funding. (Snow date, Feb. 15). FMI: 831-9384.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5, Andover. All members and interested persons are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

The Peacheaters; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. Music

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Tuesday, Feb. 11

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: A resource panel for technical assistance, financing and more. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Energy Medicine for your health: An Introduction to Polarity Therapy; 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel - behind the Key Bank. Presenter: Emily Ecker, LCSW, Polarity Therapist. Cost: \$10. Polarity Therapy, developed in the 1950's, is an energy body work modality that works on all levels of our being to restore balance and wholeness. "Energy medicine" is now being studied and utilized in Western medicine and is beginning to transform how we view and empower our health. FMI/Registration call Emily @ 207-357-9954

Wednesday, Feb. 12

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar). Reservations must be made before Feb. 1. Price of luncheon is \$10. FMI/Reservations: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

Friday, Feb. 14

Sweetheart Hike; 4 p.m., Bald Pate parking area. A moderately strenuous sunset/moonrise hike. Snowshoes, traction devices, headlamp, proper winter clothing and boots required. Water and snacks recommended. FMI: 647-4352 or jon@lelt.org.

Family Valentine Dance; 6 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Chairlift Speed Dating; Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Registration: 12:30 p.m. in the main base lodge. Event: 2 to 4 p.m. followed by an après ski event in Lost-Bo Pub with contests, prizes and music from Jon Sarty. FMI: www.blackmt.com.

Full Moon Hike; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

AudioBody; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. The Tardy Brothers are back, this time as AudioBody, complete with an arsenal of audio-visual inventions. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Sunday, Feb. 16

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Windtower Ride; Meet at the clubhouse off Route 5 in Andover for 9 a.m. departure. \$10 per rider (club members, \$8).

Torchlight Parade; 6 p.m., Mt. Abram. Annual torchlight parade and all you can eat spaghetti dinner buffet.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Mahoosuc Land Trust Book Club; 7 p.m., Land Trust office. The book for February is "Grizzly Years," by Doug Peacock. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 824-3806.

Feb. 21 and 22

"Guys and Dolls" by the Hebron Academy Players; 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), Lepage Center for the Arts, Hebron Academy. Free and open to the public.

Friday, Feb. 21

Seed Swap/Seed Saving Workshop; 6 to 8 p.m., Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway.

Monday, Feb. 24

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Feb. 25, March 4, 11 and 18

Wilderness First Aid-SOLO Course; Telstar High School. Cost: \$160, materials included. Instructor: Calvin Vaillencourt. FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or www.sad44.maineadulted.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Bonifontes Czech Boys Choir; 7 p.m., Helen C. Berry Auditorium, Telstar. Tickets: \$15/adults, students/free. FMI/tickets: www.mahoosucarts.org or 890-6386.

March 8 and 9

Winter Kids Downhill 24; The Downhill 24 benefits Winter Kids. Teams compete to see how can ski the most laps in 24 hours. There is live music, zumba and other events during the 24 hour event. Last year over \$42,000 was raised. FMI/registration: www.winterkids.org.

Sunday, March 30

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

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Notice of Availability Request for Proposal

The Town of Newry is requesting proposals from Professional Engineers to provide engineering services to accomplish the reconstruction of 1200 feet of the Sunday River Road. These engineering services would include: Site Assessment and Survey, Mapping, Planning and Design Development, Construction Contract Documents with Drawings and Specifications, Permit Procurement, Bid Administration, Utility Coordination, Construction Administration including Project Layout with Inspection and As Built Drawings.

The Town of Newry may consider a firm that can both engineer and construct the road; however, the Town retains the option of awarding contracts for engineering and construction services separately.

All proposals must be sealed and marked "Sunday River Road" and be received at the Newry Town Office located at 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine 04261 by 4 p.m. on February 18, 2014.

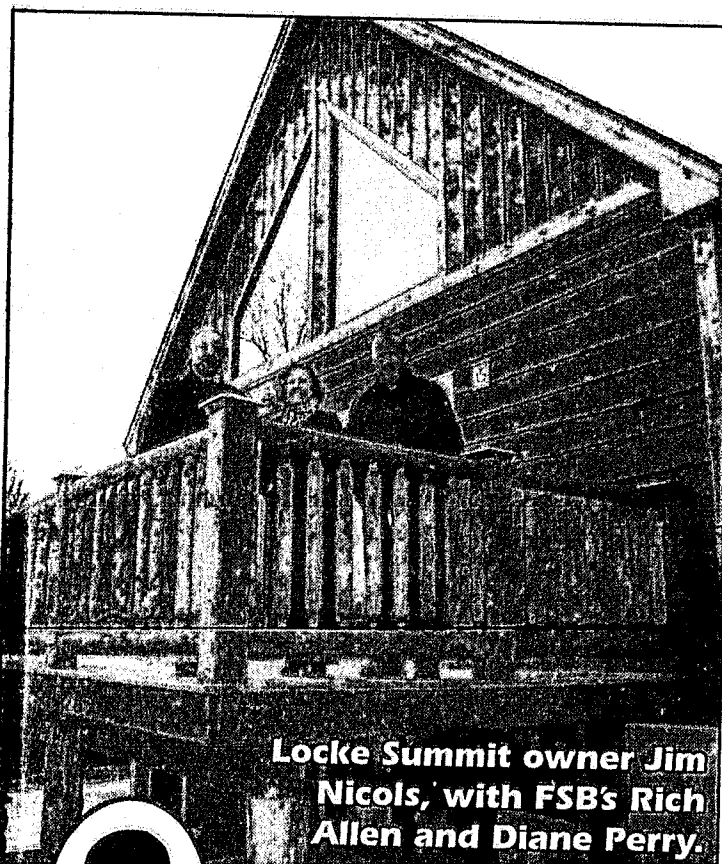
After consideration of all proposals, Proposers with top ranked proposals may be selected for an interview. Within 30 days after the proposals are opened, the Town of Newry Board of Selectmen shall announce its decision. The Town of Newry Board of Selectmen reserve the right to accept or reject any and all proposals; waive any defects, informalities and irregularities; to accept exceptions to specifications and make such award or act otherwise as it alone may deem in the best interests of the public.

Project work may not begin until the Town of Newry and the successful Proposer execute a contract and Town of Newry funds have been appropriated and are available.

Each Proposer, before submitting a proposal shall become completely familiar with the project and site conditions and rely on its own investigation. Proposers are responsible for all of their costs in preparing and submitting proposals hereunder.

No proposals may be withdrawn within a period of thirty (30) days after the opening of proposals.

Information concerning this project and copies of the Request for Proposals ("Town of Newry Request for Proposals, Sunday River Road, Letter S/Nordic Knoll Section") may be obtained by contacting the Town Office at 207-824-3123 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 7 am to 5 pm.



Locke Summit owner Jim Nicols, with FSB's Rich Allen and Diane Perry.

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OBITUARIES

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and Loudon, N.H. He and Nancy enjoyed camping at the ocean with his camper named "Kitty" and at Fryeburg fair, where they formed a village of camping friends. Wayne will be remembered by his family for his perfect woodpiles, his soft heart, love of animals, his creative birdhouses, stopping at the Waterwheel in New Hampshire to eat breakfast and Thanksgiving Day trips to L.L. Bean as well as his knowledge of the Bible.

Wayne is survived by his wife Nancy; children William Eugene Penley and his wife Tina of Livermore Falls, Brian Robert Penley and his wife Veronica of Greenwood, K. Jay Morrison and his wife Suzi of Bedford, Mass., Julieann

Morrison and her husband Robert Bartell of Peacham, Vt., and Kevin James Morrison and his wife Terriann of Richmond, Vt.; 10 grandchildren, Natalie Jarnis and her significant other Seth Chapell, Nancy Jarnis and her significant other Joe Watson, Naomi May and husband Tom, Jamie Morrison, Karyn Penley, Jannell Waterhouse and husband Casey, Hunter Penley, Zachery Penley, Preston Labbe and Caleb Hall and three great grandchildren, Connor and Gavin Morrison and Sarah Rose Waterhouse. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 18 at

the West Paris Baptist Church. Spring interment will be in Wayside Cemetery, West Paris.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be sent to Responsible Pet Care, P.O. Box 82, Norway, Maine, 04268. Arrangements are under the care of Oxford Hills Funeral Service, 1037 Main Street, Oxford.

PHELPS POLAND

Phelps Poland, beloved husband, father, grampa, uncle and friend died at home Jan. 17, surrounded by his loving family. He was born Aug. 7, 1930, the son of Leon L. and Helen Benson Poland. Phelps was the person everyone went to when something needed fixing or someone needed



something. He was a quiet doer who always saw what was needed.

He married Joan (Tammen) in 1950. For 63 years they were the epitome of devotion to each other and to their family.

Phelps had strong ethics and was a hard worker. He attended the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist

Church. He had been a Boy Scout Committee Member, baseball coach and was instrumental in building Derby Hill and several baseball fields. He was also on West Paris Planning Board, Budget Committee and Water District Committee. He was employed for 28 years for Benson Coal and Oil and for 22 years in maintenance at Ledgeview Living Center. After retiring, he plowed for Bill Coolidge for several years. His hobbies were keeping a beautiful lawn and doting on his family.

He is survived by his wife Joan; daughter Terry (Phil) Merrill; son Todd Poland; daughter JoAnna (Scott) Southard; grandchildren Molly and Kleet Southard, Erik Poland (companion

Leah Weston), Diana Dunn (Jon), Amy (Daniel) Bru, Andrew (Lissa) Merrill and seven great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his dear son Timothy, three sisters and four brothers. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Forestdale Christian School, 2 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond, Maine, 04219. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Andrews Chapel, 64 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel.

All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at pquilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and

children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits its first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:

Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial

Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,

West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library,

Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Church Services

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutzo, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimmamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer

Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3 through high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch.

All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Mid-week Service Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Puzzles4Kids

CODED RIDDLE

by Helene Hovanec

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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UIF EJDUIPOBSZ? FMBTUJD. CFDBVTF

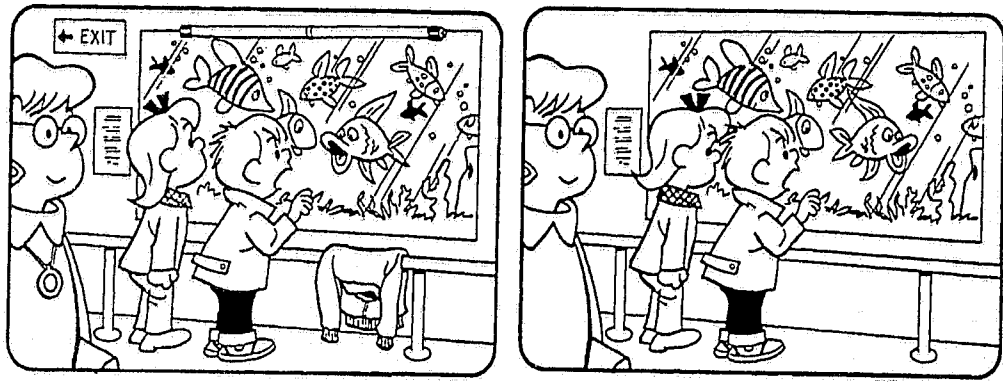
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For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Sign is missing. 2. Pendant is missing. 3. Head is moved. 4. Fluorescent light is missing. 5. Fish is reversed. 6. Jacket is missing.

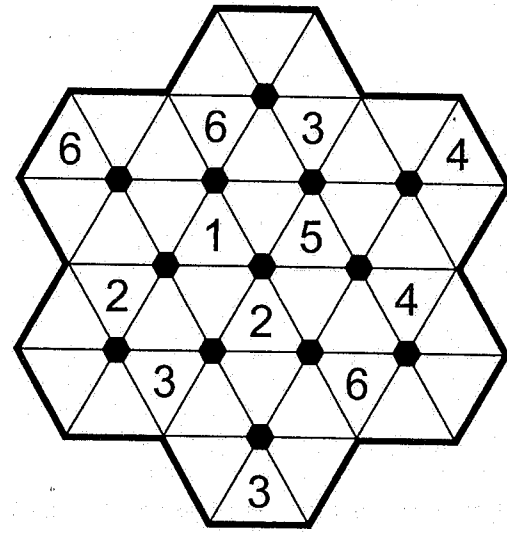
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

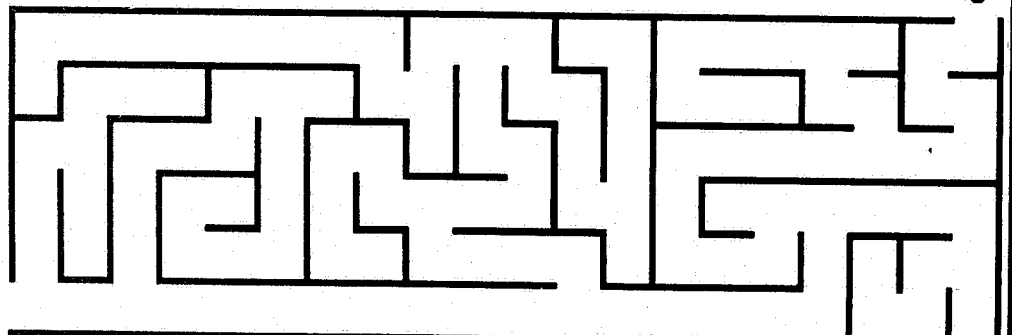


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Kids' Maze

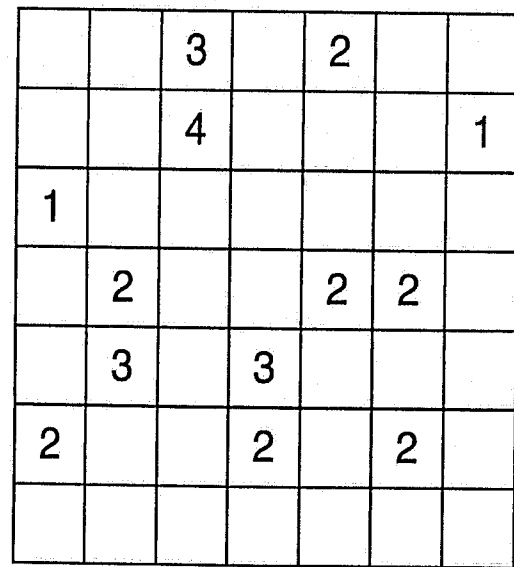


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZAI!

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Super Crossword

AFTERWORDS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ecstatic joy
 - 8 Injured
 - 15 Heart chambers
 - 20 Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer"
 - 21 The U.S., south of the U.S. border
 - 22 Bucking horse
 - 23 Two words that might follow BUTTER ...
 - 25 Arledge of TV
 - 26 Guess as to takeoff: Abbr.
 - 27 Shortcoming
 - 28 Yoga pad
 - 29 Not as bright
 - 30 The Louvre, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 32 Stephen of films
 - 33 SPORTS ...
 - 36 HARD ...
 - 39 Get choked by, as food
 - 40 Baseballer David a.k.a. "Big Papi"
 - 41 Secrete milk
 - 45 Discontinued
 - 48 — Moines, Iowa
 - 49 Congo River feeder
 - 53 Modify formally
 - 55 Spain's longest river
 - 56 STORM ...
 - 59 Winning line in tic-tac-toe
 - 60 To be, to Jacques
 - 63 — in the bag!
 - 64 — pah-pah band
 - 65 Begin the cruise
 - 67 — play (a simple job)
 - 69 Country music resort city in Missouri
 - 73 Tenor Jan
 - 74 More piquant
 - 76 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
 - 77 Some toy batteries
 - 79 "An apple —"
 - 80 Summer, to the French
 - 81 AIR ...
 - 86 Castle-circling ditch
 - 88 Roman 553
 - 89 What the Tin Woodman asked for
 - 90 Derek and Diddley
 - 93 Sleep disorder
 - 95 Toss in some seasoning
 - 97 Plain as day
 - 99 Buddhism's — Lama
 - 101 POWER ...
 - 105 BLUE ...
 - 110 Critical hosp. ward
 - 111 Part of RSVP
 - 112 Having disembarked
 - 113 Pluralized -y
 - 114 Becomes smelling waste
 - 116 Letter before theta
 - 118 Hipbone part
 - 119 HAND ...
 - 123 Get the suds out of
 - 124 10th-century German king
 - 125 Most pointless
 - 126 See 44-
 - 127 Maximally massive
 - 128 Certifies (to)
- DOWN**
- 1 Rally or relay
 - 2 Far greater
 - 3 Pieces of merchandise
 - 4 "Tik—" (2009 #1 hit for Kasha)
 - 5 "Catch — You Can" (Dave Clark Five song)
 - 6 Gain back, as trust
 - 7 Took place as a result
 - 8 Left
 - 9 Aged
 - 10 Mom's bro
 - 11 "— Race" (1979 film)
 - 12 Gloomy, in poetry
 - 13 Les — — Unis
 - 14 Rep.'s foe
 - 15 Abbreviate
 - 16 Tuba's kin
 - 17 SCHOOL ...
 - 18 Central
 - 19 Computers such as the Aspire and Extensa
 - 24 Banned apple spray
 - 29 Gene stuff
 - 31 Enjoy a slope
 - 33 Ofed
 - 34 "LA Ink" channel
 - 35 Liaisons
 - 36 Car axle, e.g.
 - 37 France's Côte d'—
 - 38 Gymnastics great Korbut
 - 42 "Coba Items"
 - 43 "Take —" (office order)
 - 44 With 126-Across, multiple-gear bicycle
 - 46 Beethoven's Third
 - 47 "Tom —" (1958 #1 hit)
 - 50 Cap. of the Gem State
 - 51 Pantry insect
 - 52 Fed. crash investigator
 - 54 Far out from the coast
 - 56 Sensed
 - 57 Film director
 - 58 Stanley
 - 59 I-90, e.g.
 - 60 Itchy skin condition
 - 61 Up-and-comer's eventual goal
 - 62 SUN ...
 - 65 Sewing line
 - 68 "What's the —?" ("Who cares?")
 - 70 Changed the décor of
 - 71 Writer Nin
 - 72 Of the entire U.S., e.g.
 - 75 Installed anew, as a carpet
 - 78 Shape of a parenthesis
 - 82 Hat, in slang
 - 83 Ken and G.I. Joe, say
 - 84 In — (unmoved)
 - 85 Give — to (approve)
 - 87 Coffee shop's cousin
 - 90 Has faith
 - 91 Non-written exam
 - 92 Pigs' hangout
 - 94 Freaked out
 - 96 iPhone extra
 - 98 #2 corp. execs
 - 100 Suffix with hex-
 - 102 Adorn richly
 - 103 Maine national park
 - 104 Guitarist Ted
 - 105 Carnivals
 - 106 Suffolk County town
 - 107 Metropolis, in Milan
 - 108 Microwaves, say
 - 109 Ain't right?
 - 114 Vexed state
 - 115 Crate piece
 - 117 Part of A&E
 - 119 Like kings: Abbr.
 - 120 Vegas cube
 - 121 "— for Alibi" (Sue Grafton book)
 - 122 Suffix with Ernest



Kids' Maze Solution

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word:
1. Culpity; 2. Serene; 3. Poise; 4. Action

Puzzles4Kids

What is the longest word in the dictionary?
Answer: Elastic. Because it stretches!

SNOWFLAKES solution

Super Crossword

Answers:

Across: 1. Ecstatic joy, 8. Injured, 15. Heart chambers, 20. Baseball's "Hebrew Hammer", 21. The U.S., south of the U.S. border, 22. Bucking horse, 23. Two words that might follow BUTTER ...

Star★Map

Answers:

Star★Map solution

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Bethel Historical Society receives \$15,000 in grants

The Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has received two important grants to assist with construction of the "Mary E. Valentine Collections Wing," a storage facility currently being added to the Society's 1821 O'Neil Robinson House on Broad Street. Funding in the amounts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 has been provided by the Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust and the Davis Family Foundation, respectively, for which the Society is deeply grateful. These

grants have been added to project support already received, including a \$200,000 bequest from the estate of Mary E. Valentine, as well as generous contributions from many individuals and businesses specifically earmarked for this project only.

The new 2,400 square foot Collections Wing has been in the planning stages for over a decade, awaiting sufficient funding before construction could begin. In carrying out this much-needed project, the Bethel Historical So-

cety is committing major resources to the care, preservation and storage of its museum collection, much of which is currently housed in spaces intended for public programming, including changing exhibits and research activities. With the opening of the new storage facility - planned for late spring 2014 - the Society will be able to relocate its museum collections and free up significant space in its buildings, including three large rooms at the Robinson House that will be-

come exhibit galleries. Project updates are currently being posted on the Society's Facebook page and published in its quarterly newsletter, "The Broad Street Herald." Copies of the newsletter are mailed to current BHS members and donors; they are also available at the Society's Robinson House (Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 4).

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With

over 800 members, the Society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable for people of all ages. In 1974, the So-

cety acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a nine-room period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities to house changing exhibits, a museum shop, and administrative offices. For nearly a half century, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

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CHARLES CARRO

Charles G. Carro, 75, of South Paris died Wednesday, Jan. 8 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. He was born in Otisfield on Jan. 23, 1938 the son of Paul and Maude Currier Carro.

Charles faithfully served in the U.S. Army. He had been employed as a construction worker in the Boston area for many years. He later worked in the maintenance department at Robinson Manufacturing in Oxford. After being together since 1962 he married Teresa Dixon on Oct. 29, 1986. He loved to hunt and fish. He enjoyed scratch tickets.

Charles is survived by his wife of South Paris; a daughter, Lori Swain and her husband Ruel; two sons, A. Paul Madden and his significant other Brenda Tester and Harold Madden; three granddaughters, Danyelle Paulsen and her husband James, Jeyna Gomez and her husband Elido, and Kristen Madden and her significant other, Ryan; four step grandchildren, John, Joseph, Holly and Travis; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert Carro; a sister, Lillian Calos and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, four sisters and six brothers.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

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JEANNETTE HORVATH

Jeannette Evangeline Smith Horvath, was born on April 4, 1928 in Brooklyn, N.Y., beloved only daughter of James Martin Smith and Grace Jeannette Remy Smith. She was raised in St. Albans, N.Y., and then Tenafly and Englewood, N.J., and graduated from Dwight Morrow HS in Englewood in 1945. She moved west to Washington State in 1946 to live with her brother James and his family to work at the Hanford Atomic Research facility. She enrolled at Washington State University, where she met her future husband Louis Horvath, also from N.J., and a student there.

An accomplished musician playing cello, piano and harp as well as her voice, she also was an avid reader and a delight to know. Her sense of humor and ability to find a "silver lining" was legendary.

Jeanne and Lou moved back to New Jersey to raise their family of four children, mostly in Old Bridge and East Brunswick; where she enjoyed being a homemaker. She worked as a proofreader for the Home News in New Brunswick and for a publisher in Metuchen.

The Horvath's enjoyed many traveling and educational vacations, as Jeanne and Lou loved to travel. They visited most U.S. states, much of Canada, plus a year-long adven-

ture touring Europe in an RV. Always adventurous, Jeanne instilled curiosity and individuality in her children. She encouraged them to "dance to the beat of their own drum."

She was so happy when her two daughters moved to Maine in 1979. She spent many months in each of their homes before establishing her own home in eastern Maine. She and Lou purchased a lovely property on Copeland Hill in Holden after his New Jersey retirement in 1986, where he built them their dream home that they enjoyed for 25 years.

She joined the Heart of Maine Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, where she made long lasting friends of over 20 years. She kept up with her love of reading and fell in love with the Boston Red Sox, rarely missing a televised game. She was especially pleased when they won the World Series in November. In the fall of 2012, Jeanne and Lou moved to Sunbury Village in Bangor.

An emergency surgery, compounded by other medical issues, was her eventual cause of death at EMMC in Bangor, Maine on Jan. 16.

She was predeceased by her parents, brother James, niece Judy and nephew David. She is survived by her husband of 65 1/2 years, Louis; her four children Alexander (Sandy) Horvath and his wife Cherie of East Brunswick, N.J., Wendy Newmeyer and her husband Jack of West Paris, Robin Zinchuk and her husband Douglas of Bethel and Randy James of Highland Park, N.J.

Also surviving are her eight grandchildren, Alivia Horvath of Los Palamos, Texas, Kira Horvath of Boulder, Colo., Justen Horvath of East Brunswick, N.J., Shonna Horvath and her fiancée Steve Pietraczenko of South Brunswick, N.J., Daniel Zinchuk and his wife Jen of Los Ange-

les, Calif., Brian Zinchuk and his wife Chaelley of Windham, Kevin Zinchuk of Boston, Mass., and Matthew Zinchuk of Bethel as well as her darling great grandson, Jackson Neal Zinchuk of Windham and several nieces and a nephew.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Jeanne's memory or consider the Central Asia Institute, P.O. Box 7209, Bozeman, Mont. 59771, one of her favorite causes.

A celebration of Jeanne's life and reception will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sunbury Village at 922 Ohio Street, Bangor. All friends of Jeanne and Lou are welcomed and encouraged to stop by. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.BrookingsSmith.com.

GRACE P. JACKSON

Grace Pearl (Adams) Jackson, 92, passed away Jan. 20, 2014 at The Aroostook Medical Center, Mars Hill. She was born July 28, 1921, the daughter of Lloyd and Edith (Smith) Adams.

She married in September of 1940 and spent the next 37 years living on Sunday River Road, Bethel. She moved to Wallingford, Conn. in 1967 until her husband's death in 2008 in which she returned to Maine to be with her daughters. She enjoyed traveling, fishing, spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, leaving behind many good memories. In her younger years, she was an Executive Director of Housekeeping of Brookview Hollow and Yale Motor Inn in which she meet various stars such as Liberace, Carol Burnett and Tony Bennett to name a few.

She is survived by four daughters, five sons and one son in law; Patty and Carl James of Penn.; Jacquelyn and Gary Rhosto of

Births

DESTINI ASHLEY LEIGH NIXON

Jaymee-Leigh Grover and Daniel David H. Nixon of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Destini Ashley Leigh Nixon, born on Jan. 11, 2014 at 10:41 p.m. at Maine Medical Cen-

ter, weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measuring 18.5 inches in length.

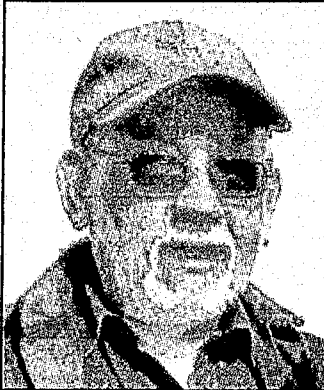
Maternal grandparents are Jim and Dawn Grover of Bethel.

God parents are Joshua Messier and Ashley Brown of Rumford.

Destini joins a brother, Jacob, age 4.

Maine; Linda and George Banks of Maine; Ann Jackson of Conn.; Clifton and Kathy Jackson of Maine; Ralph and Barbara Jackson of Penn.; Ted and Shelly Jackson of Conn.; Garry and Sharon Jackson of Conn.; Allen and Irene Jackson of Conn.; Paul Balimotis of Massachusetts; 24 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Clifton Jackson, a daughter Elizabeth Balimotis and son Anthony Jackson.

The family is planning a private memorial service in the springtime. In lieu of flowers we asked that a donation to be made in her honor to the Hospice of Aroostook, P.O. Box 688, Caribou, ME 04736 or The Youth Group at Patten Pentecostal Church, P.O. Box 280, Patten, ME 04765. For an online memory book and to leave condolences please visit www.bowersfuneral.com



WAYNE PENLEY

Wayne F. Penley, 75, of West Paris died Tuesday morning, Jan. 14, at his home.

He was born in West Paris, July 22, 1938, the son of Eugene and Lillian Niskanen Penley and graduated from West Paris High School. He faithfully

served his country in the Army from 1961 to 1963, followed by four years in the Army Reserves. Wayne had worked as a finish carpenter for Emery's Building Supply and as a mail carrier for the West Paris post office, first as a substitute then full time. He was a member of the West Paris Baptist Church and had served as a trustee, West Paris Historical Society, Wayside Cemetery Association, the Lions Club and Mollycoddett Sportsman's Club. Carpentry was his life. He was a very accomplished tradesman having built his home and garage along with the surrounding buildings on the property. He took great pride in quality workmanship. In his younger years he built three boats.

He was a member of the Uptown Cruisahs car club, Mt. Washington Valley Old Car Club and former member of the New Hampshire Mazda Miata car club. Wayne owned a 1965 Mustang fastback named Maude that was a "from the ground up" total restoration. He was seen at many car shows always polishing "Maude" and winning many ribbons and trophies. He enjoyed the races at Oxford Plains

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When: Saturday, Feb. 1st and Feb. 15th

Where: True North Adventureware

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Fee: \$20.00 if you don't have snowshoes and \$10.00 if you do have snowshoes. Jonathan Goldberg instructor.

Soap Crafting

Students will learn how to make soap for personal use and gift giving. All three methods of handcrafting soap will be explored. This is a hands-on class and each student will bring home a sample after every class.

When: Tues., Feb. 4, 11, 25, Mar. 3

Where: Telstar High School

Fee: \$10.00

Instructors: Andrea Lane and Denise Donnelly

To Register please call 824-2780 or sign up on line at <http://sad44.adulted.org> and use the convenience of PayPal
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January 25, 5-7pm ~ Bethel Alliance Church

There will be spaghetti, meatballs, dessert, and drinks served.

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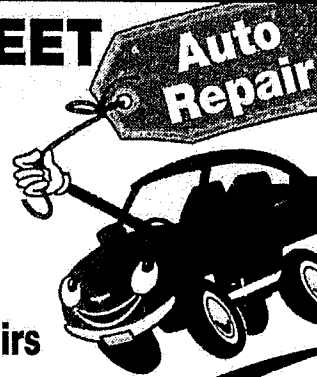
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